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Bus services to be slashed

ROUTES BEING CUT ACROSS DORSET AS COUNCIL SUBSIDIES WITHDRAWN

by Lottie Welch
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FURTHER devastating cuts are set to hit Dorset's bus services as the county council announced savings of £1.85million, slashing the number of services it supports from 35 to seven.

These bus routes are at risk of being completely withdrawn, as Dorset County Council pulls its subsidies on 28 services.

These include: the Dorchester town services of 1, 2 and 6; the 44 from West Bay to Bridport; the 71 Lyme Regis town service; the 73 from Powerstock to Bridport; the 74 from Sherborne to Yeovil; the 101 from Crossways to Dorchester; the 210 from Litton Cheney to Bridport; the 211 from Poundbury to Weymouth; the 212 from Dorchester to Yeovil; the 307 from Stalbridge to Dorchester and the 311 from Blandford to Dorchester.

The county has already suffered from many rural bus services being cut and it is feared that the withdrawal of these services will hit the vulnerable the hardest.

Cllr Andy Canning, Liberal Democrats parliamentary spokesperson and county councillor, said: "This will have a devastating effect on everyone who doesn't have access to a car.

"It will increase isolation as those on low incomes, poor mobility and the elderly, who live anywhere that isn't close to a town centre, will become stranded in their homes.

"How are people to get food, to do their shopping or get to the doctors or the hospital? Some may be able to rely on family or friends some of the time, but many others will not.

"These cuts are going too far and are not in the interests of Dorset residents."

Cllr Canning has launched a petition at www.west-dorset-libdems.org.uk and is working with effected parish councils and bus users to challenge the process.

He reported that the bus services would come to an end on July 22nd and while some may be taken on by an operator, most were financially unviable and would stop.

Cllr Peter Finney, Dorset County Council's cabinet member for environment, highways and infrastructure, said: "As agreed by the county council last year, we need to save a further £1.85million from our public and schools transport budget in 2017/18 on top of the £500,000 saved from our subsidised bus routes in 2016/17.

"We have carried out a wide-ranging review of services in order to get the best possible outcome for local people within the available funding.

"Our approach aims to develop a sustainable transport network for Dorset by prioritising the remaining subsidy on routes that serve the most people and contribute the most to Dorset's economy.

"This is built on a core network of town to town routes that serve around 80 per cent of the population.

"We will encourage operators to open up many more school routes to the public, helping those over 16 get to education and rural residents to access market towns.

"We intend to link special school and adult social care transport in a way that makes best use of our own buses and means they can be used by the community when running to and from schools and day centres.

"We are continuing to encourage the development of more community based transport schemes for social and leisure purposes.

"We developed a toolkit and offered grants for community groups to start their own transport schemes, which have led to a number of successful start-ups and a lot of interest from communities.

"We will also work closely with operators to run rural 'in-fill' services between school opening and closing times, making use of empty vehicles travelling to and from schools services.

"A comprehensive consultation between May and July 2016 received 2,605 responses. Of these, 54 per cent agreed with this approach compared with 27 per cent who disagreed."

Andrew Wickham, managing director at Damory – which run services 44, 210, 71, 74, 101, 211, 212, 307 and 311 – said: "The contract we have with Dorset County Council to run these services is due to end before the proposed changes take place.

"We understand how important local buses are for those living in the county and will work with the local authority to ensure the best possible outcome for all concerned. The number of passengers travelling with us on some of these journeys is currently very low – too low for us to be able to cover the costs of the operation without external funding.

"We are completely sympathetic with our passengers along these routes, and we understand the financial restraints faced by Dorset County Council.

"We will do everything possible to ensure the most vital services here are maintained."

St Mary's Night of Honours

INDIVIDUALS, groups and organisations – as nominated by the public – who have made the most difference to Bridport were recognised and awarded for all they do for the community at St Mary's Primary School's annual Night of Honours

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DAMIEN Weston has had a complete change in life – going from high tech to relatively low tech… from selling mobile phones to becoming a chimney sweep and installing wood burning stoves.

He was born in Exeter, lived in Okehampton but has spent most of his adult life in and around Dorchester with his wife and two children.

He came to the county town when his dad landed a job as an environmental health officer at West Dorset District Council.

Damien himself has had other jobs – including working in Dorchester Prison and in the Verne on Portland – and alongside his chimney sweeping helps out, when needed, with his wife's new wool shop which has just opened in Durngate Street, Dorchester, an off shoot from a similar shop she and her sister run in Cullompton.

● I GUESS everyone thinks chimney sweeping is only a winter job?
Not really, I've got enough work throughout the year although it's true that from August onwards lots of people start thinking about the winter months, getting their chimneys swept, or installing wood burning stoves which have become very popular.

● HOW did you get into it?
I was getting a bit of a moral dilemma about trying to sell people mobile phones and everything which goes along with that when my step-brother, who install stoves, said he needed a bit of help. He said it would also be useful to be a chimney sweep because you need to sweep a chimney before an installation – so I did a course in Maidstone and two days later, newly qualified, bought the kit.

● APART from soot, have you found other things up chimneys?
You often find nests, or bits of nests. I've found lots of shiny objects which are dropped by magpies or jays, I even found a whole piece of dried toast up one, which I presume had been dropped by a bird, but the oddest of all was up to a 100 mummified jackdaws…

■ DAMIEN Weston sweeping a chimney from the top down

I just kept pulling them out and to this day nobody has a sensible explanation why there were so many.

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● DO PEOPLE worry about the mess you might make?
They do, but most of the time is spent making sure that doesn't happen. I cover everything over and tape up fireplaces so we don't get soot everywhere. I would soon be out of work if I didn't do that?

● DO YOU think you'll ever run out of chimneys to sweep?
I doubt it – they told us on the course there are an estimated 75million chimneys in Britain, so there should be enough to go round.

● AND when you are not sweeping chimneys what do you like to do?
I did media production at Weymouth College when I left Thomas Hardye School so I still like to dabble in making films, but these days mainly with my son who also has an interest. I also like photography – landscapes, wildlife, street photography. I'm still into music. When I was younger my brother was in a band and as a teenager I used to go on tour with him and his mates in a minibus. I can play the guitar and drums and a bit of harmonica, and still like to go to see bands, and maybe one festival a year. I prefer heavy metal but I also like rock and listen to quite a lot of folk music as well.
The job keeps me pretty active but I still like to do a bit of bodyboarding when I can.

● DO YOU have a claim to fame?
I was quite good at basketball at Thomas Hardye and generally liked sport. I bumped into my old PE teacher the other day and he tells me that my school record for shot put has still not been broken. I think I won that every year.

● YOU'VE spent a lifetime in Dorset, are you ever likely to leave?
Who knows, I doubt it, I like the countryside and the peace and quiet. I've recently returned from the Alps, snowboarding, and they're magnificent but there is something about Dorset that makes me appreciate it here.

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Campaigners raise local flooding fears

FEARS of "catastrophic" flooding in Bridport and West Bay have been raised by local campaign group ADVEARSE.

Members of the group – made up of local residents who oppose plans to build more than 740 homes on Vearse Farm – spoke to councillors at a recent Bridport Town Council meeting and said that they were confused about the flood maps that relate to the proposed Vearse Farm development as published by the Environment Agency.

They report that the maps available to the public online are not the revised ones that are being used to assess the flood risk for the proposed development and ADVEARSE only became aware of the revision after a specific enquiry was made.

A spokesperson for the group said: "We challenge the accuracy of the map in relation to, for example, the frequency of flooding on the road leading up to Vearse Farm now shown as once in 100 years.

"We have evidence that shows it has flooded as far as the 100 year limit twice in 2016 and once in 2012.

"We therefore fear that the massive development at Vearse Farm will lead to a major flooding incident across the town.

"The new flooding maps call into question the wisdom of Hallam's plans such as building an equipped children's play area within a few metres of a sustainable drainage system pond, close to the river and the high-risk flood zone.

"Only recently a local person had to be rescued by the emergency services in that same location when he was suddenly cut off by rapidly rising floodwater."

The group report that they are in regular contact with the Environment Agency.

The spokesperson added: "We have high regard for the professionalism of the teams who are working on the flood risk projections.

"They have a complicated task accounting for the impact of climate change across the whole country.

"We are grateful that they are now updating the risk for Bridport and West Bay."

ADVEARSE is concerned that if there are errors in the flood maps then the whole exercise may be flawed.

The spokesperson said: "Our local concern is the possibility of catastrophic flooding between Bridport and West Bay.

"There is currently a consultation about flood prevention measures at West Bay. We hope there is joined up thinking with regard to flood prevention measures in the Bridport area."

Andy Birch, regional manager of Hallam Land Management, said: "The site is allocated in the adopted local plan and, like with most sites with rivers running through them, part of the site includes floodplain.

"The issue is whether new built development on the site will worsen food risk to surrounding areas. Planning permission will not be granted if unacceptable flood risk is caused.

"Hallam have been working for a long time with the Environment Agency (EA) and we have used their detailed model to study potential effects of new development.

"The EA have been very detailed in their analysis and have gathered extensive local information to inform their understanding of the site.

"The scheme will have no housing areas within the floodplain, with only essential infrastructure (access roads) crossing the river, for which areas of flood compensation will be provided.

"Water run-off from housing, roads and community infrastructure areas will be captured in sustainable drainage systems so that water is released into the river at a lower rate than it does currently.

"We understand that flooding is an important issue to local people but development sites with floodplains are common and there is no reason why the development of a site such as Vearse Farm is unusual or unacceptable.

"Furthermore the close scrutiny of this site has ensured that the EA have been extremely thorough in their assessments."

Carnival future under threat

by Lottie Welch
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THE future of Bridport Carnival has been thrown into question after it was reported at least one committee member has resigned in the aftermath of an assault at last year's event.

Shaun Fox of the Bridport Carnival committee said: "Due to an ongoing incident from Bridport Carnival 2016, this year's carnival may be in jeopardy due to safety reasons.

"No further details are available whilst the incident is still under going investigation through the proper channels.

"At this moment in time one director of Bridport Carnival has resigned, others may follow depending on the outcome of the investigation."

It was reported that a steward at last year's event was assaulted after stopping traffic due to a road closure that was necessary for the carnival to take place. It is thought that this is the incident that could stop this year's event from going ahead.

The announcement has also been made on the group's Facebook page with people expressing their disappointment at the news.

One person said: "Gutted that as always someone has to ruin everything for everyone. The committee, the marshals and the unsung heroes that sit behind that carnival every year deserve nothing but applause and respect from the entire community."

Another said that the carnival stopping is "terrible and a wicked blow to the town".

They said: "Please don't let a couple of idiots spoil the fun and revenue for the whole town."

Public support for rise in police precept

A SIX-week consultation has shown that Dorset residents are overwhelmingly supportive of the proposal to raise the policing element of council tax in the county by 1.98 per cent, which has also been agreed by the Police and Crime Panel.

The Police and Crime Panel consist of 15 councillors and two independent members, who are required to scrutinise the Police and Crime Commissioner's proposals and ensure it is right for the people of Dorset.

This follows six weeks of direct consultation with residents, online and through a series of face to face roadshows, which took place across the county.

Nearly 4,500 residents gave their views with 80 per cent being prepared to pay an additional £3.80 per year to support Dorset Police, amounting to a total of £1.07million.

As per the most recent central government funding settlement, this will only go as far as to offset cuts and will provide Dorset Police with approximately the same budget as last year.

Martyn Underhill, Dorset Police and Crime Commissioner, said: "I would like to thank the 4,485 people who took the time to complete the consultation. Even with the increasing financial demands faced by families in Dorset, four out of five of you voted in favour of a rise in the policing element of council tax to support the force.

The Commissioner and Chief Constable Debbie Simpson have written to the Home Office to express their disappointment in having to request an increase in their council tax precept to maintain their budget.

The letter can be read at https://goo.gl/SlteUE

Annual seed swap

THE annual Bridport Seed Swap will be taking place at the Ropemakers pub, West Street, this Saturday (February 11th) from 10am to 12noon.

Everyone is welcome to attend and swap surplus seeds for others or make a donation to charity.

For more information call Eileen on 01308 421678.

Bridport businesses win at South West Tourism Awards

TWO Bridport businesses have picked up awards at this year's South West Tourism Awards.

The Anchor Inn in Seatown was awarded bronze in Tourism Pub of the Year, while Symondsbury Estate picked up two bronze awards in Self Catering Holiday Provider of the Year and Venue & Business Tourism Award and Symondsbury Kitchen was awarded bronze for Café & Tearoom of the Year.

The awards night was held at Ashton Gate – the home of Bristol City FC – and hosted by ITV news presenter Kylie Pentelow.

Richard Stanbrook, director of title sponsors, South West Water Business, said: "We are committed to playing our part in delivering a sustainable economic future for the South West and feel there has never been a better time to showcase the individuals and businesses who pioneer, create jobs and help drive the region's economy and growth.

"We understand how crucial the leisure and tourism industry is to the region and how important water is for such businesses, so we are thrilled to be supporting the tourism awards again and celebrate the hard work, innovation and determination that goes into making the thriving tourism industry in the South West such a success."

Winners came from across Dorset, Devon, Somerset, Cornwall, Bristol, Bath and Gloucester.

Robin Barker, of Services for Tourism, said: "Excellence is elusive. It takes creativity, commitment, investment and persistence to achieve.

"Standards have to be maintained for every guest, in all situations, at all hours of every day.

"Achieving excellence is one thing, maintaining it in a world of ever-rising expectations is an even greater challenge.

"So well done to all of this year's winners – you are the cutting edge of this region's top industry and are genuine business icons."

■ THE team at Symondsbury Estate were celebrating three awards as the estate won two bronze awards in Self Catering Holiday Provider of the Year and Venue and Business Tourism Award, with Symondsbury Kitchen receiving a bronze in Café & Tearoom of the Year

■ THE Anchor Inn in Seatown picked up bronze for Tourism Pub of the Year Award

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Have a lovely day, all the best
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7th February, Have a lovely day.
All our love from Nanny & Grandad xx

Happy 21st Birthday on 9th February Charlotte Smith.

All our love from Kelly, Beth, Harry, Rachael and Zack

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for February 13th. Love from Peter, children & grandchildren xxx

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Mental health beds at risk after review

FIFTEEN mental health beds in Weymouth could be moved to the east of the county under a proposed review.

But local campaigners are lobbying for the beds to be moved to Dorchester, instead, arguing that the county town is more centrally placed to provide a service.

The beds proposed for the move are at the Linden Unit, part of Westhaven Hospital on Radipole Lane.

The consultation document says the county is not "meeting the needs" as well as it could.

It says part of the solution could be adding 16 acute inpatient beds to the system: 12 at St Ann's Hospital in Poole and four at Forston Clinic at Charlton Down, north of Dorchester.

Paul French, Local GP and clinical lead for mental health and learning disabilities with NHS Dorset CCG, said he believes the proposed changes would help to match demand with services.

"Over the coming weeks I would encourage everyone who has either used mental health services, knows someone who has, or simply has a view, to find out more and have their say."

Simon Williams from The Hughes Unit Group Supporters (HUGS), said that less than four in ten inpatients for the Linden Unit come from the Weymouth area.

He says that Dorchester might be a better location for at least some of the beds if they were to be closed.

Healthwatch Dorset chair Joyce Guest welcomed the public consultation and is urging people, whether or not affected by mental health issues, to look at the consultation document and contribute to the review.

She said: "This public consultation on acute mental health services has been a long time coming. Local people have been asking us how the NHS in Dorset can carry out their current review of health services without including mental health, so it's good to see this public consultation launch.

"Local people tell us that mental health crisis care in Dorset is at breaking point and currently people find themselves without the help and support they need when they're at their most vulnerable.

"The NHS in Dorset needs to make some major improvements to mental health services and this is your chance to influence those plans. We urge everyone to have a look at the proposals and make your views known.

"One in four of us experience mental health problems and many more of us know and care for people who do, so access to these services affects us all. Please take this opportunity to have your say."

A number of drop-in consultation events are being planned for Weymouth, Dorchester and Bridport.

The first of these will be held on February 14th from 11am until 5pm at the Corn Exchange, Dorchester.

The Weymouth event is planned for February 24th, 11am-5pm, at Weymouth Library in Great George Street; followed by a second Dorchester meeting on February 25th, 11am-4pm, at Dorford Baptist Church and then the Bridport meeting on March 3rd, 11am-7pm at the town hall.

Copies of the consultation document are available at local GP surgeries, any community mental health team office or local libraries.

You can see the proposals and complete the questionnaire to give your views online at www.mh.dorsetsvision.nhs.uk

Local groups invited to apply for funds from 2017's West Bay Days

WEST Bay Days – organisers of Pirate Day, West Bay Day, Bonfire on the Beach and Christmas Tree on the Green – are inviting applicants to be one of the beneficiaries of money made at this year's events.

The group seeks to help the local community by running its four popular annual family events whilst at the same time supporting local charities and organisations through its annual awards fund.

Applications are invited from local charities and groups within a five mile radius of West Bay for a 2017 funding award, and may be submitted between February 10th and March 31st.

Email westbaydays@gmail.com or call 07899 780420 for an application form.

Accordion evening at Chickerell

LOCAL resident Clive Wheeler is organising an 'anything accordion' evening at the Victoria Inn in Chickerell on Friday, February 17th at 7pm.

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Social housing squeeze

■ THE fact that Magna are to sell off 16 of their houses was received with real local concern.

In Bridport, it is estimated that 283 households are on the housing register as either homeless or in unsuitable accommodation.

Of course we await a Housing White Paper, and the Housing Minister argues that it will change the emphasis more toward rented accommodation rather than open market sale.

Naturally, we welcome such a change in direction. But the real test will be if less emphasis is placed on what is at present referred to as 'affordable housing' – defined as accommodation costed at 80 per cent of market rates for either rented accommodation or for sale.

Given these facts, it will in no way provide housing for those in need in Bridport, especially given that Bridport is a low wage area, and with many local residents on zero hour contracts.

Today, the average house price in Bridport is £286,786, making the cost of an 'affordable' house, £228,800.

For the private rented sector, a one-bedroom flat averages around £6,000 per annum, and a two-bedroom £8,400 per annum.

This must been seen against the fact that many local residents, especially the young, survive on the National Living Wage of £14,976 per annum, or if they are lucky, the average income in Bridport of £21,254 per annum.

It is little wonder that increasing numbers of Bridport families or those on low wages increasingly rely on Food Banks.

Given these figures, what is now needed is not affordable housing, but social housing that is costed at 60 per cent of the market rate, thus making it easier for families to find somewhere to live. In other words, council housing with security of tenure built in.

RICHARD NICHOLLS, Chairman, Bridport and District Labour Party

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Councils back next steps towards two Dorset unitary authorities

ALL nine councils in Dorset have now considered a report and accompanying package of evidence setting out a proposal to replace the county's nine councils with two new unitary authorities.

Six councils – Bournemouth, Dorset County, North Dorset, Poole, West Dorset and Weymouth & Portland – have backed a change to local government structures in Dorset.

Purbeck District Council, East Dorset District Council and Christchurch Borough Council voted against the proposals.

The proposal is to create two new unitary councils based on the existing local authority areas: Unitary A – Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole and Unitary B – East Dorset, North Dorset, Purbeck, West Dorset and Weymouth & Portland.

Matt Prosser, chairman of the Dorset chief executives group, said: "We are so passionate about the Dorset of the future.

"We are collectively committed to doing the right thing for our residents and for the whole county – to protect services, to raise Dorset's profile, to grow the economy, and to generate prosperity and an enhanced lifestyle for all those who live here.

"All the evidence shows that this proposal will do just that and more, and we will use the mandate given to us by six of the councils wisely to effect positive change.

"We now have a mandate from our councils and we have the backing of the public and other stakeholders. That is clear from the consultation results.

"Now we have a duty to respond to that mandate and secure a sustainable and even brighter future for Dorset.

"We are resolved in our commitment to a county that is healthy, prosperous, vibrant and inclusive for generations to come.

"We now need to determine the next steps in achieving this opportunity of a lifetime."

Dorset council leaders were due to meet today (February 8th) where the councils supporting change will agree the formal proposal to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, Sajid Javid, asking him to use the powers available and replace Dorset's nine councils with two new unitary councils.

If the Secretary of State agrees and the change is approved by parliament during 2017/18, decision-making bodies would be appointed to determine the structure, budget and service delivery models of each new council.

These would be made up of councillors from all existing local authorities.

The new councils would 'go live' in April 2019, with elections in May 2019.

Public consultation results show a clear backing for change to local government structures in Dorset in both the representative household survey and the open residents questionnaire, with the proposed boundaries also being the most favoured.

Deliberative and qualitative research found that the business community, voluntary sectors, residents' groups and town and parish councils also primarily mirrored these results.

A detailed study undertaken by PricewaterhouseCoopers cites a compelling case for local government reorganisation in Dorset.

It found evidence that replacing nine councils with two would benefit the economy, improve services, be good for people's health and wellbeing, help education and skills in Dorset and improve the county's infrastructure, housing and environment.

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Town's Night of Honours at

INDIVIDUALS, groups and organisations were thanked and awarded for all they do for Bridport at St Mary's Primary School's annual Night of Honours.

Members of the public were asked to nominate people and groups for different awards who they believed had made a difference in the town and deserved recognition.

Helen Farmer, headteacher of St Mary's Primary School, said: "St Mary's is a very special school and all our children and families benefit from everything this vibrant, caring and eclectic town of Bridport has to offer. No matter our age, interests or beliefs, Bridport says welcome.

"It is a privilege to belong to the Bridport community and staff and pupils at St Mary's school want to take this opportunity to say thank you to each and every one of you who has made such a significant contribution to our lives.

"It is always difficult to whittle down the nominations to those few who are recognised.

"I am very proud that a number of my staff and pupils were nominated for awards and aware of so many others who quietly and bravely offer their time and energies.

"We have a number of award categories which cover the diverse range of special individuals, events and organisations who are part of the fabric of this town.

"You are here because you have made a difference and we are proud to honour and thank you."

Cupboard Love food bank won the Support Group of the Year, Framptons butchers was awarded the Friendliest Shop of the Year, Soulshine won the Bridport Good Food Award, Bridport Musical Theatre was awarded the Local Talent Award and the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance received the Bridport Bravery Award.

There were also a number of

TOP FAR LEFT: Alex Crones was named Carer of the Year

TOP NEAR LEFT: Roger Snook received the Spirit of Bridport Award for the hat festival, picked up on his behalf by Lynne and Brian Atkinson of the hat festival committee

FAR LEFT: Lee Cuff was named Sports Person of the Year

NEAR LEFT: Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance won the Bridport Bravery Award, collected by volunteers Ron and Jan Bishop

RIGHT: Pupils of St Mary's Primary School entertained the audience with a science experiment

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awards to individuals. Alex Crone was named Carer of the Year, Lee Cuff picked up the award for Sports Person of the Year, Martin Maudsley received the Creativity Award, Katy Julier was named the Parent of the Year, Matilda Murphy was awarded Child of the Year and Roger Snook received the Spirit of Bridport Award for the hat festival.

The children of St Mary's Primary School were also tasked with choosing their favourite event of the year, which was the fireworks display organised by Bridport Round Table at the leisure centre.

RIGHT: The fireworks display, organised by Bridport Round Table, was voted as the children's Favourite Event of the Year. Member Paul Fowler picked up the award

BELOW LEFT: Martin Maudsley received the Creativity Award

BELOW RIGHT: Cupboard Love food bank won the award for Support Group of the year, which was picked up by the Reverend Canon Andrew Evans

Failure to stop appeal

POLICE in Bridport are appealing for witnesses and anyone with information after a fail to stop in the town.

During the afternoon/evening of Saturday, January 28th, a driver of a vehicle failed to stop following a collision with a stationary Nissan Micra in the Court Close area of Bridport.

Anyone who witnessed the incident or has any details should call Dorset Police on 101 or report it at www.dorset.police.uk

Film festival to work with Youth Centre

BRIDPORT's annual film festival, From Page to Screen, is collaborating for the first time with the town's youth centre to give a younger audience the chance to join in with this highlight in the local arts calendar.

On Saturday, April 22nd, there will be a double bill of films screened at the Bridport Youth and Community Centre in Gundry Lane as part of a new fringe event for the festival.

In keeping with the rest of From Page to Screen, both films will be adaptations and all the clubs that use the youth centre are currently voting on their top choices from a list of musicals and music-driven classics.

Ines Cavill, From Page to Screen committee member, said: "It has been great getting to meet the youth centre's many different clubs and hearing their ideas for making the double bill event special.

"The youth club want to run a classic cinema-style café for the night with hot dogs and popcorn, and everyone has strong views about the best choice of films.

"I am with the Bandits Motor Project's choice of *Grease* and *The Commitments,* but we will have to wait to add up all the voting results."

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SLIMMING experts in Dorset are celebrating a successful year after helping a record number of members lose weight in 2016.

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St Michael's proposals clarified

FOLLOWING feedback from consultations, Martin Ridley and Clive Hayward, of Hayward & Co, owners of St Michael's Trading Estate, want to clarify some misconceptions residents may have about their proposed plans.

Plans to develop and regenerate have been revealed to the public and a exhibition was held at Mountfield in December.

Mr Ridley said they have been pleased with the level of interest shown but that letters published in the *View From* in the recent weeks indicate some misunderstandings.

This, he said, included statements such as 'plans will demolish Bridport's Heritage Assets' and that 'the former rope making factory will be sold to a developer'.

Mr Ridley said: "We are planning not only development but regeneration and refurbishment of all the buildings that formed part of the old Bridport Gundry and Edwards rope and net making factories, including the Tower building, the Northlight buildings, the Tarring Block, the twine store, etc.

"This work will provide these buildings with a sustainable future; left to the elements, without this work, their survival will be put at risk."

He also wanted to clarify statements regarding the affordable housing provision for the development.

He added: "The provision of affordable housing is directly linked to the viability of the overall scheme.

"Due to the revised layout, our amended plans show a further drop in the number of houses and flats in the scheme and this will impact directly on the provision of affordable homes.

"We must also demonstrate to the district valuer that the proportion of affordable housing to open market housing is viable.

"This review was still in progress when we held our 'open house' session in the town council offices so we were unable to quote a figure and this was explained at the time.

"Clearly our scheme cannot solve Bridport's pressing affordable housing needs on its own but it can make a start and offer what we think is a significant contribution.

"The scheme includes affordable housing as required by the local plan policy of West Dorset District Council.

"The number of low cost homes is also affected by national planning policy that, from 2016, introduced a credit where affordable housing is being provided on brownfield sites.

"Our application proposals are therefore strictly in compliance with the planning legislation as it exists today"

Mr Ridley also noted there were some misunderstanding about jobs and employment on the site.

He said: "St Michael's has provided employment and trading opportunities in Bridport for nearly 50 years and this will continue.

"Dramatic statements such as 'almost 25 per cent of the businesses will have their contracts terminated' are not only untrue and unfair but cause real and unnecessary concern and uncertainty among our tenants. We plan a future that is not just about jobs but also maintains the diversity of businesses and skills that we have here.

"While we will lose approximately 24,000 sq ft of existing space – in breeze block buildings with asbestos roofs – we will be creating at least 22,000 sq ft of brand new space and bring a further 3,000 sq ft back in to use."

To discuss concerns and issues further with local residents, Mr Ridley and Mr Hayward are organising another exhibition of the plans.

Mr Ridley added: "In order to provide the Bridport community with a further opportunity to better understand our plans, we are establishing a further mini exhibition of our plans for a week from Monday, February 13th and an open day at Mountfield on Monday, March 6th.

"This will be held in one of our units on St Michael's itself so people will not only be able to view our plans and ask questions but take a look around the estate too."

Anyone who would like to view the display on the estate during that time should email hayward@stmichaelsbridport.co.uk or telephone 01308 423 747.

Nature scheme wins huge grant

LOCAL project Stepping into Nature won £320,000 from the Big Lottery Fund. Pictured are members after winning the 2016 Bowland Award

THE Dorset Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) team is celebrating £320,000 lottery funding for a project that helps people with dementia to improve their health and wellbeing through nature.

Stepping Into Nature is currently a pilot scheme, but, thanks to the award from the Big Lottery Fund, the project will now be extended for a further three years in Bridport, Beaminster, Lyme Regis, Charmouth, Weymouth, Dorchester and Swanage.

The project is run by the Dorset AONB team, hosted by Dorset County Council, alongside partners including the Alzheimer's Society, Dorset Forest School and the county council's Partnership for Older People (POPP).

It offers a range of outdoor activities for people with dementia and their carers, enabling them to be creative and socialise while engaging with Dorset's natural landscape.

Regular activities include the Greenwood Club in ancient woodland at Netherbury where a small group gets together once a month to learn and rediscover traditional woodworking skills.

The project won the 2016 Bowland Award, awarded annually by the National Association for Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (NAAONB) for the 'best project, best practice or outstanding contribution to the wellbeing of AONBs'.

Julie Hammon, project assistant for the Dorset AONB team, said: "One of the aims of the AONB is to enable all people to be able to access the landscape easily.

"Together with our partners, I am delighted that Stepping Into Nature's contribution to improving people's health and wellbeing in the landscape has been recognised.

"This Big Lottery Fund award will enable us to build on the success of the pilot projects and reach out to more vulnerable adults in the community."

Cllr Jill Haynes, the county council's cabinet member for adult health, care and independence, said: "Congratulations to the Dorset AONB team and its partners for this recognition from the UK National Lottery.

"The money will be used for similar projects across the county to help more people improve their wellbeing through our wonderful countryside.

"It is really exciting to be working with local organisations on these new initiatives."

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THE next meeting of the Devon and Dorset Investment Group will be held on Tuesday 21st February 2017. This month, we are excited that we have William Smith as one of our speakers, he will be sharing his extensive experience in how to find and acquire land for property development. Steve Colley will also be presenting, talking about fund raising and the power of networking.

The meeting will be held at Lyme Regis Football Club on Charmouth Road, with registration and networking from 6pm, and the property seminar from 7pm to 9pm, we ask for a small contribution of £10 to cover costs, including tea, coffee and biscuits.

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'Broadchurch' returns for final series

STARS Olivia Coleman and David Tennant will return in series three of ITV's *Broadchurch*

THE third and final series of *Broadchurch*, ITV's multi-award winning drama filmed at West Bay, will be back on air this month.

David Tennant and Olivia Colman reprise their roles as DI Alec Hardy and DS Ellie Miller, this time investigating a serious sexual assault in the Dorset community.

Jodie Whittaker and Andrew Buchan return to play Beth and Mark Lattimer and are joined by National Television Award winner Julie Hesmondhalgh – who played Hayley Cropper in *Coronation Street* – BAFTA winners Lenny Henry and Georgina Campbell, along with Sarah Parish, Charlie Higson and Mark Bazeley.

Arthur Darvill also returns as local Vicar Paul Coates, Carolyn Pickles as newspaper editor Maggie Radcliffe and Adam Wilson as Ellie's son Tom.

Creator Chris Chibnall has once again written all eight episodes of the drama, which was filmed in Bridport, West Bay and Clevedon, as well as Bristol's Bottleyard Studios.

Executive producer Jane Featherstone, of Sister Pictures, said: "When Chris Chibnall first sent me the script for the opening episode of *Broadchurch*, six years ago, I was struck by one defining element.

"I loved the characters, I loved the beauty of the world, I loved the powerful whodunit narrative, but above all I loved the way it explored a small town community in such depth.

"Chris' intention was always to inhabit a space which meant we could stay with our characters and our town after the crime has happened, to really examine the long-term effects of a tragic incident on a community. Our characters had lives before we joined them and they will continue to exist after we have gone.

"We start the final series in the trilogy three years on from the last series, five years on from the start.

"There is a bold new crime story which forces us to ask whether the town has a crack running through it caused by Danny Latimer's death; is this new crime somehow the long-term legacy of that dark moment?

"Our central characters must contend with this possibility as they battle to make hope, friendship and love triumph over fear and suspicion, as a host of new suspects present themselves.

"The great privilege of long-form storytelling is building a meaningful relationship between our characters and the audience and I am excited for the audience to see how Ellie, Hardy and the Latimers have fared in the last few years.

"It is a fond farewell for those of us involved in the series for so many years, but as far as I am concerned, the community of Broadchurch will carry on living long after we have gone."

Producer Dan Winch said: "With the final series we strive to entertain and to tell a brilliant story, but we have never lost site of our responsibility to do justice to those who may be directly or indirectly affected by this particular investigation.

"We hope to have struck a balance which sensitively tackles the darker story elements, while enabling our audience to comfortably lose themselves in the world of *Broadchurch* each week."

Shooting the series in West Bay has had its challenges for Dan and his crew.

He added: "There are practical challenges to shooting a high-profile drama, such as *Broadchurch*, through the summer months. When many of your established locations are situated in the midst of what is an incredibly-popular tourist attraction, it is necessary to try and navigate around a shoot day being impacted by sun bathers, coach parties and ice-cream queues!

"*Broadchurch* has become a significant part of West Bay's attractions – along with the beautiful cliffs, beach and harbour.

"It was fantastic to be received by the residents and business owners of West Bay, and indeed the visiting tourists, with such warm support but we always have to give careful consideration to our approach when working in and around the public.

"We were incredibly lucky with the weather. There was one memorable scene where we had to weight a picnic blanket to the grass to avoid it flying off in the wind.

"In a new addition to the physical perspectives of *Broadchurch*, we worked with a drone camera this series. When working with a bit of kit such as this, you are reliant on perfect weather conditions.

"We managed to fly our drone up and down the coast and achieve some amazing images of the iconic cliffs, the bay and rolling Dorset hills."

Broadchurch is a co-production between Kudos, an Endemol Shine Group company, Imaginary Friends and Sister Pictures.

Storytelling competition

THANK you to everyone who entered our short story competition, which formed part of our recent National Storytelling Week feature.

Congratulations to Sharon Starr from Weymouth whose story, 'A Final Touch', won the £20 book voucher donated by Waterstones in Bridport.

Also well done to runners-up Glyn James, Carol Lancaster and Sophie Petit-Zeman.

You can find their short stories along with our Devon winners on our website at www.viewnews.co.uk

Keep a look out for future competitions in our features.

Crime on your doorstep

BRIDPORT Police and Trading Standards will be holding two public engagement events to raise awareness of doorstep crime and provide tips to keep people safe.

Doorstep crime can take different forms, for example it can be a bogus caller pretending to be from a service provider such as a water, gas or telephone company and once the caller gains entry to a home they distract the resident and steal valuables.

Doorstep crime can also be rogue traders offering services such as tarmacking a drive, grass cutting, tree felling or general building work but often overcharge for poor, unnecessary or incomplete work.

The spring months traditionally see a significant increase in doorstep crime so the event will focus on topics surrounding doorstep crime and also other crimes such as cybercrime and handbag theft and the steps that can be taken to prevent it.

The police are acutely aware that there may be some under reporting of doorstep crime by victims, who may feel embarrassed about coming forward to report.

These events will focus on what members of the public should report and when to report it.

The events will be held at Beaminster Post Office on Monday, February 13th between 10am and 11am and Barclays Bank in Bridport on Wednesday, February 15th from 9.30am onwards.

Members of the Bridport Police Neighbourhood Watch Team and Trading standards will be in attendance at this event to offer and provide leaflets.

Advertiser's Announcement

Scott Rowe Appoints New Director

THE DIRECTORS of Scott Rowe are delighted to announce Kate Maslen, Head of Dispute Resolution, has been appointed as a Director.

Kate has vast experience of cases of all values and complexity having dealt with multi million pound disputes. Kate's view is that no client's concern is too small to deal with, and she has acted for both the individual to blue chip and listed companies. Kate frequently represents clients at court and in mediation.

Commenting on this appointment, Kevin Bull, Practice Manager and Director of Scott Rowe, said:

We identified Kate's area as one which dovetails well with our practice. Kate will bring additional opportunities and experience which will complement the firm's development strategy. Our recent appointment of Directors signals our commitment to invest in our growth and will strengthen and complement our existing team very well. We are looking forward to working with them and to guide our clients through their legal needs.

Although Kate is based in our Axminster office we can arrange visits to see clients at our other offices.

Please contact Kate on 01297 32345 or email on kate.maslen@scottrowe.co.uk if you wish to discuss any issue relating to dispute resolution.

▲ Left to right is Kevin Bull Practice Manager, Carinna Parsons Director Solicitor, Kate Maslen Director Solicitor, Richard Lewis Director Solicitor

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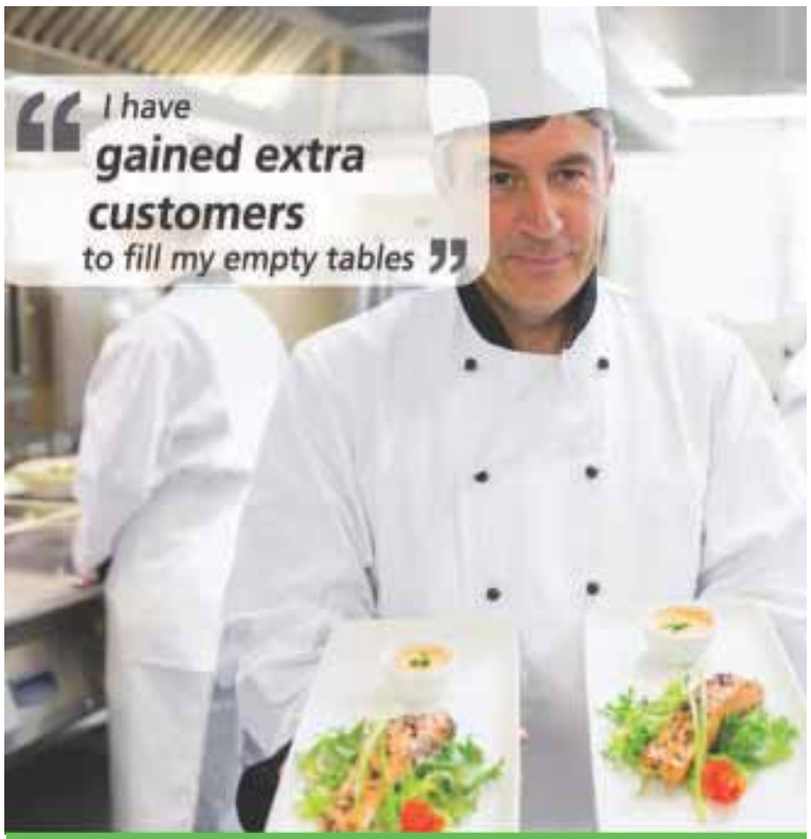

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Red Riding Hood another

■ LEADING LADY: Amy Wheatley as Red Riding Hood

PANTOMIME REVIEW
by Nicky Sweetland

BRIDPORT Pantomime Players' annual production has long been a popular event on the town's social calendar and this year's offering had the Electric Palace filled to bursting with the sound of chortling children once again.

Writer Teresa Grinter adapted the beloved fairy story of Red Riding Hood for the group to perform and with a multitude of dancing talent on display from tiny little tappers to well-honed hoofers, the fable took flight and enthralled with a boundless colour and energy.

Leading the cast was the golden-voiced Amy Wheatley as Red – adorned with the famous crimson cape – whose stage expertise was immediately apparent. With a graceful and completely captivating portrayal, Wheatley danced and sang her way through the woodland tale, lending real class to the production.

Her axe-wielding hero was given some mirth by Amy Day, who was strapping yet elegant as Sam, and the highly-professional pair combined well, with some excellent musical renditions including a delightful duet of McFly's *Love is Easy*.

Their plans for a romantic rendezvous were almost thwarted, however, by the wicked wolf, played with just the right amount of villainous venom by Jess Ives. Growling and snarling, but with a large dose satire, Ives provided the perfect antithesis to the shining beacon of virtue, the Fairy Bluebell, beautifully portrayed by Laura Gray.

The audiences were given their orders by the buoyant duo of Hatti Amos and Emily Shoemark, who dealt assuredly with barracking and banter while maintaining a superb pace with their slapstick scenes.

They were given estimable support from Derek Rigby, resplendent in garish garb and tousled toupees, Teresa Grinter, who played Squire Tuffnut with a portion of pomposity, and Sue Farrant, who

Mental health group helped to move forward

THE future for local mental health group Moving On is looking bright as support comes in from organisations.

The group suffered when some members left – taking the contents of the bank account with them – leaving them with only enough to pay a reduced rate for their meeting room at Bridport Youth and Community Centre.

This is something the remaining members are challenging and they are determined to carry on.

As a result of a previous article in the *View From* (December 21st) member Roz Copson was contacted by Dorset Partnership for Older People Programme (POPP) and West Dorset District Council with potential offers of help.

She said: "As more information with regard to the Bridport Moving On group's circumstances came about, the members themselves remain determined to continue meeting on Tuesdays at the Bridport Youth and Community Centre.

"The feelings amongst them are much in evidence and it is going to take more than what was reported to move them.

"The members are resolute and at a meeting, the treasurer, secretary, events organiser and acting chair were elected and remaining members also continue in good voice.

"At that meeting we had a visit from the local POPP organisation as well as a member of staff from WDDC.

"We feel at the group that after all we have been through and continue to go through, a message has to be made.

"This is as mental health issues are on the increase – young and elderly alike – those groups already formed can offer help to many more people out there who may not have heard of us or may be hesitant to contact us.

"Everyone is invited to a special meeting to decide the future, course and arrangements of Moving On group on February 28th at Bridport Youth and Community Centre at 12noon."

To contact Moving On, call acting chair Roz Copson on 01308 422500.

Police report

DORSET Police are appealing for witnesses and anyone with information on the following crimes to contact them on 101 quoting the relevant occurrence number.

■ Sometime between 10pm on Tuesday, January 24th and 4.30am on Wednesday, January 25th, approximately 1,500 litres of red diesel fuel was stolen from a locked vehicle tank at a farm in Beaminster. Occurrence number 5517 0012161.

■ At around 9pm on Monday, January 23rd, a suspect male was disturbed in the garden of a property in Beach Road, Burton Bradstock. Once disturbed, the male ran to a car and drove off. Occurrence number 55170011512.

■ On Wednesday, December 21st at around 5.10pm, a brick was thrown through a window of a house in North Allington. The suspect was a white male, approximately six ft with dark curly hair wearing blue jeans, a black jacket and back pack. Occurrence 5516 0190790.

Alternatively, anyone with information could contact Crime Stoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or at www.crimestoppers-uk.org

'triumph' for talented Bridport Pantomime Players

demonstrated her stage acumen as Red's worrisome mother.

Special mention must go to Sarah Williams, whose adorable and utterly engaging portrayal of the hapless Simon was first-rate. The young actor confidently led the comedy charge, while extracting every ounce of sympathy from the audience after her calamitous executions – a real star of the future.

Dance is always a big part of the pantomime in Bridport and this year was no exception, with some energetic and stylish choreography provided by the Lyric School of Dancing and the Rhythm Dance Centre led by the lissome Tara Grinter as the Weather Fairy and the high-spirited Johanna Leins as the Gypsy Queen.

The age-old British tradition of pantomime is very much alive in Bridport and this was another triumph from the talented local theatre group.

CAST Fairy Blubell: Laura Gray; Wolf: Jess Ives; Red Riding Hood: Amy Wheatley; Grandma: Derek Rigby; Sam: Amy Day; PC Plum: Hatti Amos; PC Pye: Emily Shoemark; Squire Tuffnut: Teresa Grinter; Simon: Sarah Williams; Mother: Sue Farrant; Gypsy Queen: Johanna Leins; Weather Fairy: Tara Grinter; The Chorus: Andrew Callaway, Mary Callaway, Emily Deer, Brenda Barlett, Kirsty Ellison, Olivia Grinter, Debbie Kensit, Douglas Lamb, Johanna Leins, Sarah Light, Val Newman, Gill Nunn, Sandy Osborne, Sarah Pitcher, Alice Tuck; The Rhythm Dance Centre Pupils: Abby Prowse, Lily-May Scholler, Sophie Wilson, Sophie Meaden, Summer Coombs, Ellie Wellman, Fiona Barron, Abbey Bird, Jade Farrington, Caitlin Pask; The Lyric School of Dancing Pupils: Maisy Andrews, Freya Blyth, Georgia Davenport, Elizabeth Foote, Sivatia Goligher, Abigail, Hawker, Ziva Holloway, Lexi Maclaren, Lexi Allen, Charlotte Britton, Hannah Bull, Sophie Bugler, Christopher Foote, Millie Frampton, Meagan Lister, Willow Rendell-Feather, Charlotte Symonds, Elizabeth Denney, Olivia Grinter, Tara Grinter, Niamh Harvey, Ellie Ives, May McEvoy, Anise Wickremasinghe, Jess Boylin, Jessica Howard, Sophie Howard, Abigail Boylin, Chloe Davenport, Hollie Lodge.

■ **HERO: the 'Principal Boy' was played by Amy Day**

PRODUCTION TEAM Chairman: Patricia Creed; Secretary: Jo Hawker; Treasurer: Pamela Rose Pitcher; Production Team: Jo Hawker, Teresa Grinter, Pamela Rose Pitcher; Choreographer: Teresa Grinter; Assistant Choreographer: Amy Wheatley; Stage Manager: Ben Holland; Lighting by Chesil Theatre supplies; Sound by Jonty Gray Media; Sound engineers: Jonty Gray, Trevor Rutland; Stage Crew: Tim Beale, Ben Holland, Debbie Holland, Oli Holland, Ross Hughes, Keith Kensit, Harry Lockett, Matt Lockett, Will Meech, Josh Northover, Richard Northover, Sophie Northover, Mike Nunn; Lighting Crew: Steve Dawe, Jon Fowler, Nick Good, Rog Greening, Aidan Holmes-Good, Jason Hyde, Ross Hughes, Simon Morrell, Dave Schollar, Lily-May Schollar, Maggs Scholler, Abbey Smart, Alan Smart, Stephen Smart; Scenic Art and Props by Ben Holland and Team; Make-up: Lucy Johnson; Backstage Assistant: Mike Northover; Wardrobe mistresses – Bridport Pantomime Players: Patricia Creed, Teresa Grinter, Val Newman, Sarah Pitcher / Lyric School of Dancing: Teresa Grinter; Rhythm Dance Centre: Rebecca Mather; Children's Dance Teachers – Lyric School of Dancing: Teresa Grinter / Rhythm Dance Centre: Rebecca Mather; Backstage chaperones: Leanne Bull, Penny Davenport, Teresa Grinter, Sue Harvey, Natalie Williams; Front of House Team: Brenda Dunn, Lynn Goward, Frances Ireland, Pat Kent, Sheila Light, Pamela Rose Pitcher, Clifford Pitcher, John Richards; Call Boy: Janine Brook, June Goodburn; Prompt: Jo Hawker; Percussionist: Ray Gray; Rehearsal Assistants: Mo Davis, Pat Kent, Claire Loud, Sue Paul; Box office: Bridport Tourist Information Centre; Advance Bookings: Pamela Rose Pitcher; Publicity Team: Amy Wheatley, Amy Day; Social Media Team: Ziggy Gray, Amy Wheatley, Alice Tuck; Photos, posters and programme designed by Ziggy Gray; Founder; Bernard Gale.

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THE saint we celebrate on Valentine's Day is known officially as St. Valentine of Rome in order to differentiate him from the dozen or so other Valentines on the list. Because Valentinus -from the Latin word for worthy, strong or powerful - was a popular name between the second and eighth centuries AD, several martyrs over the centuries have carried this name. The official Roman Catholic roster of saints shows about a dozen who were named Valentine or some variation thereof.

VALENTINE is the patron saint of beekeepers and epilepsy, among many other things. Saints are certainly expected to keep busy in the afterlife. Their holy duties include interceding in earthly affairs and entertaining petitions from living souls. In this respect, St Valentine has wide-ranging spiritual responsibilities. People call on him to watch over the lives of lovers, of course, but also for interventions regarding beekeeping and epilepsy, as well as the plague, fainting and travelling. As you might expect, he's also the patron saint of engaged couples and happy marriages.

YOU can find Valentine's skull in Rome. The flower-adorned skull of St Valentine is on display in the Basilica of Santa Maria in Cosmedin, Rome. In the early 1800s, the excavation of a catacomb near Rome yielded skeletal remains and other relics now associated with St Valentine.

THE medieval English poet Geoffrey Chaucer often took liberties with history, placing his poetic characters into fictitious historical contexts that he represented as real. No record exists of romantic celebrations on Valentine's Day prior to a poem Chaucer wrote around 1375. In his work "Parliament of Foules," he links a tradition of courtly love with the celebration of St. Valentine's Feast Day.

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Terrine
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Veg fritters
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Sorbet
Passionfruit sorbet
Lemon sorbet

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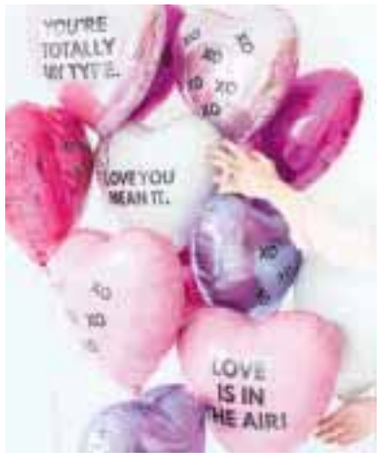

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- Lollipop sticks (oven-safe kind)
- Heart cookie cutter

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1. Preheat the oven to temperature the dough requires. Roll out dough and cut out as many hearts as you can.
2. Spoon cherry jam or the filling of choice in the center of half of the hearts.
3. Place a lollipop stick on each crust, pushing down with a bit of pressure so it sticks into the dough without pushing through the other side.
4. Beat the egg with a splash of water. Using your fingertip or a pastry brush, run a bit of egg wash along the border of the crust of the heart. Then add the heart tops, using a fork to pinch the edges together.
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Ten years means ten challenges for Weldmar's Matt

THROUGHOUT 2017, Weldmar Hospicecare's fundraising manager, Matt Smith, is celebrating 10 years of working for the charity by setting himself a number of challenges.

'Matt's Colossal 10' is a series of ten challenges where he will face fears, physical demands and experience adrenaline fuelled excitement, and he is looking for people to join him for each challenge.

Matt said: "In my 10 years at Weldmar Hospicecare, I have seen the fantastic care that has been given to thousands of patients and their loved ones.

"In the past decade, the services available to the people of Dorset have evolved and become much more patient centred.

"Like so many people, my family has benefited from Weldmar. My aunt was cared for by the amazing staff both at home and within the hospice 17 years ago.

"Her illness impacted the whole family; Weldmar weren't just there for her, but all of us too.

"I see each and every day what a difference the hospice makes to so many families, and how vital the services are that are provided across the county."

The challenges are: swimming with sharks; abseiling down the Spinnaker Tower, the 170m tall tower in Portsmouth; the London Marathon; skydiving; the Three Peaks Challenge; wingwalking; the Borneo jungle trek; a one mile open water swim; cycling 175 miles between all the Weldmar charity shops; and a 10 hour dance-a-thon.

MATT Smith, fundraising manager for Weldmar Hospicecare, is taking on 10 fundraising challenges to mark 10 years at the charity. The first challenge is swimming with sharks at Weymouth Sealife Adventure Park

Matt added: "Working in fundraising, I know just how important the continued support from our local community is. They ensure that Weldmar's services can be provided throughout Dorset.

"I have been extremely lucky to have worked with, and supported, so many people who have taken on challenges to raise money for Weldmar and, in my 10th year, it is now my turn to step up to the mark.

"I hope that you will join me too in helping to continue these services."

Matt's first challenge takes place on Saturday, February 18th, when he will come face to face with sharks at Weymouth Sealife Adventure Park.

Matt will enter the tank, where he will spend 10 minutes in the company of one of nature's most feared animals.

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To find out more about the challenges, visit www.weld-hospice.org.uk/colossal10

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County in free childcare scheme

DORSET will be one of four new council areas to take up the government's 30 hours free childcare offer, before it rolls out nationally in September.

Dorset County Council – along with Leicestershire, North Yorkshire and Tower Hamlets – will join the eight original councils that launched the offer last September.

The county council will work with nurseries, pre-schools and child minders in Dorset – not including Bournemouth and Poole – to start offering the 30 hours of free childcare places per week to all eligible three and four-year-olds from April, doubling the existing 15 hours entitlement currently available for parents.

The government says the 30 hours offer could save working parents around £5,000 a year on the cost of childcare, helping them get back to work or increase their hours if they want to.

Cllr Deborah Croney, Dorset County Council cabinet member for learning, skills and children's safeguarding, said: "We are delighted that as a rural county we are able to participate as one of four additional councils to join the programme.

"We are looking forward to working with our early years settings throughout Dorset to begin offering the 30 hours of free childcare places per week to all eligible three and four-year-olds from April.

"We think this increase in the offer of free childcare will help parents in rural areas greatly and we look forward to our collaborative work with the Department for Education and other councils participating in the early stages of the programme."

To find out more about childcare in Dorset, visit www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/childcare

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SUPERFAST Dorset and BT have announced that they had brought high-speed fibre broadband to more than 180 business parks across the county – including Pineapple Business Park in Salway Ash.

The multi-million pound Superfast Dorset partnership between Dorset councils, the government and BT is continuing to make strong progress, having already made superfast broadband available to 94 per cent of homes and businesses in the county.

Of the more than 180 Dorset business parks which now have access to superfast fibre broadband, about three-quarters benefitted from the Superfast Dorset roll-out, whilst the remainder were included in the commercial programme funded entirely by BT.

The rapid roll-out of the high-speed technology is giving a much needed boost to the local economy in some of the most rural areas of the county.

Colin Jamieson, Dorset County Council cabinet member for economy and growth, said: "Fast and reliable broadband is crucial for Dorset's economic growth.

"More businesses than ever on the county's rural trading estates and business parks can make the most of this important technology.

"Key benefits include faster data transfer between users, better access to customers and the ability to work collaboratively with others on a global scale, including the effective use of video conferencing.

"Fibre broadband makes it possible for high tech jobs in rural areas to flourish!"

Paul Coles, BT South West regional manager, said: "The availability of this exciting technology at business parks across Dorset will play a vital role in the future success and prosperity of the county.

"High speed broadband is a major tool in helping today's businesses attract new customers and work more efficiently.

"Whether you are an established business or a start-up, fibre broadband offers tremendous opportunities."

For more information about broadband in Dorset, visit www.dorsetforyou.com/superfast

Running plea to Bridport council

LOCAL running and exercise coaches are calling on Bridport Town Council to offer more for fitness enthusiasts and to not forget runners in future plans of recreation areas.

Brian Shelley, chairman of Bridport Runners, and James Stone of events management company Beyond Events spoke to councillors at a recent town council meeting, highlighting possible uses of the town's open areas.

Mr Stone said: "I think it could be a really good opportunity for Bridport as a town to encourage people from out of town to come and use something like a trim trail.

"I know there is mention of the metal exercise equipment that is already down by the football club, unfortunately, in my opinion those are not the way forward.

"When people exercise, the biggest thing they lack is knowledge, all we need to do is create a trail that we have already got, using the Sustrans track by the Co-op or through St Mary's playing fields, or through lots of other areas around Bridport where the track is already in place.

"All you need to do is put some very basic equipment along that track but sign it in a way where people can run along, look at the sign and know what exercise they should then be doing.

"We have got the knowledge in Bridport, we have the people that can give you the knowledge and the expertise to get it so it is good for the whole of the area and I think people will come to Bridport to use it if done correctly."

Mr Shelley also asked councillors if some thought could be given to runners in any upcoming plans to develop Bridport's recreation areas.

He said: "I don't want you as councillors to forget in any plans you do or future planning of recreation areas to forget runners. It would be brilliant to have some thought given to sports like running.

"It is really a plea to you when you are looking at future planning, to think about runners, cyclists as well as more traditional sports like football.

"One simple thing we would really like at the moment is a simple circle around St Mary's playing field."

First 100 Club winners

DEBBIE and John Dalton are presented with a cheque by Kelvin Clayton (left) a trustee of Bridport Youth and Community Centre, as the first winners of the 100 Club draw

DEBBIE and John Dalton, the first winners of Bridport Youth and Community Centre's 100 Club, have been presented with a cheque for £100 from centre trustee and 100 Club organiser, Kelvin Clayton.

Proceeds from the monthly draw will help support and maintain the provision of youth clubs at the centre.

Debbie and John said: "This 100 Club is a very worthwhile punt, as we know all the profits go to help local youth.

"Our youngsters deserve support, and now the government has cast them adrift it is vital that all of us who can should chip in."

Kelvin is making a plea for more people to step forward and join the 100 Club.

He said: "So far we have only recruited 50 members of the club.

"We need 50 more to reach our target and really secure delivery of our youth clubs.

"We are only asking for a monthly donation of £5. I think our young people are well worth it!"

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Love your Gardening Valentine...

by Hannah Stephenson, Press Association

THE way to a gardener's heart is a green-fingered gift and as Valentine's Day looms, there's no better time to splash out on a patio-perfect present.

Handmade Patio Log Burner: Want to snuggle up to your partner on the patio during the cooler nights? This handmade log burner from Homestead and Garden will keep the home fires burning outdoors and can even be used as an open barbecue, as you can place skewers over the top. Made from mild steel, it comes in a satin black finish (£60, www.amazon.co.uk)

Rustic Heart Planter: If your partner likes a country garden look and you want to add some love to it, this lightweight white heart-covered planter could be the one (£12.99, www.homebase.co.uk)

Personalised Garden Tools by Cove Calligraphy: Have your own words engraved on a selection of gardening tools. The message you give is 'pyrographed' (wood burned) by hand on to the solid wood handles. You can have a maximum of 20 letters on each tool using two lines of writing, with a maximum of 10 letters per line, one above the other. The set includes a weeding fork, small trowel and large trowel (£22.95, www.amazon.co.uk)

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WHAT TO DO THIS WEEK

by Hannah Stephenson, Press Association

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- Continue to bring in forced bulbs for indoor flowering as they become ready for extra warmth.
- Examine stored dahlia tubers for any sign of rotting.
- Check trellis, pergolas and arches which are supporting climbers and repair any that are damaged.
- Before plants start growing actively, check on the ties that secure them to supports. Replace any that have rotted and add extra ties if needed.
- Continue to plant bare root fruit trees and bushes if the soil isn't frozen or waterlogged.
- If you have bought bare-root hedging plants which you can't plant because the ground is waterlogged, open them out to allow air to circulate, cover roots with straw and store in an open, rodent-free place, keeping the roots moist to avoid dehydration.
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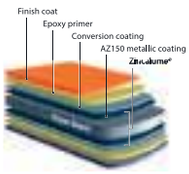

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Angel Heart Theatre

Malina's Dream

This enchanting show reflects upon friendship and finding the way between two worlds. Malina is an excitable young girl who lives with Grandpa in the land of the midnight sun. Into her frozen world comes a stranger, whose ship is crushed in the ice. When Malina discovers her dream has become real she knows only she can save the stranger's life…with just a little help from Grandpa and his magic drum! This warm-hearted tale, created by Angel Heart Theatre is inspired by true-life encounters between 19th century Scottish sailors and the Inuit communities of the Arctic. Breath-taking puppets, live music and a specially commissioned soundtrack create an unforgettable experience of magical theatre. A pre show shadow puppet making workshop is also happening!

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Creeds' barn dance raises more than £3,000 for three charities

A CHARITY barn dance has raised more than £3,000 for Young Epilepsy, St Catherine's Pre-school and Bridport Arts Centre.

Organised by Creeds the Printers, the event at Symondsbury attracted hundreds of people, with live music from Jess Upton and the Guilty Pleasures.

Director Andrew 'Harry' and Marilyn Harrison said: "We all had a great night – it was a huge success with more than 200 attending.

"There was a wonderful atmosphere and amazing party band Jess Upton and the Guilty Pleasures kept the dancers on their feet all night long.

"We are so grateful to the Symondsbury Estate for allowing us to use the barn and also to our many friends, customers and suppliers who have generously helped us to raise more than £3,000 which will be divided between Young Epilepsy – for research to help provide a better future for young ones with epilepsy – St Catherine's Pre-school and Bridport Arts Centre.

"Young Epilepsy is a charity close to our hearts as our granddaughter Matilda suffers from a rare form of epilepsy which doctors and specialists have so far been unable to treat.

"Matilda has been prescribed numerous drugs over the past year, including very powerful steroids that have been unsuccessful. We are now aware how important research is into this complex illness.

"After learning about Matilda's condition, friends have been so supportive. Monica and Robbie Teague raised £300 with their fabulous Christmas lights display and Gloria and Brian Dodge, landlords at The Ilchester Arms in Symondsbury, kindly donated £250 proceeds from their Christmas raffle.

"Other kind donations and prizes for the raffle and auction helped us boost the funds. We are so grateful to you all.

"Also a big thank you to all those who attended, it was such a fun night and we all enjoyed catching up with each other and letting our hair down."

Cheques for £800 each were presented to St Catherine's Pre-school – which have funded additional help for Matilda - and Bridport Arts Centre – to go towards their refurbishment.

Fundraising is still ongoing for Young Epilepsy and Monica Teague has compiled a £1 quiz, with a £20 cash prize.

These are available from Creeds design and print, Groves Nurseries in Bridport and Bridport Tourist Information centre.

Charlie Challis, Matilda's godmother is organising a Spinathon on Sunday, March 26th at Bridport Leisure Centre, and anyone who would like to take part or leave a donation please contact charliespinsformissy@gmail.com.

Sarah Horton is also back in training for a half marathon in aid of Young Epilepsy later in the year, more info to follow.

To find out more and to donate, visit www.justgiving.com/Cath-Murphy2

GLORIA and Brian Dodge (both right), landlords at The Ilchester Arms in Symondsbury, kindly donated £250 proceeds from their Christmas raffle

HARRY Harrison presents a cheque for £800 to Laura Cockett of Bridport Arts Centre

MATILDA presents a cheque for £800 to Emma from St Catherine's Preschool

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The group, whose motto is 'Fun and Fit by the Sea', has around 20 members and is celebrating its 10th anniversary this July.

However, it can only rely on the regular dancing services of seven men, most of whom are in their sixties and will soon be hanging up their handkerchiefs and sticks for good.

Squire Pete Morton said it was pointless trying to present Morris dancing as 'cool', and is instead appealing directly to confirmed male eccentrics who might also be keen real-ale drinkers.

He said: "Men as a whole are not that keen on dressing up and dancing out in public.

"They think they will make a fool of themselves. It is probably where the eccentricity comes into it."

Mr Morton said he was hoping to attract younger men who were fed up with going to the gym and wanted to try something new.

Traditional dances usually involve six or eight men, but to put on a 'good show' they require at least 10.

Morris dancing began as a rural pursuit but its exact origins are unknown. Some claim it derives from pre-Christian fertility rites.

No previous experience is needed and if anyone wants to give it a try, Uplyme Morris meet on Tuesday evenings at 7pm in the Pilot Boat Inn in Lyme Regis.

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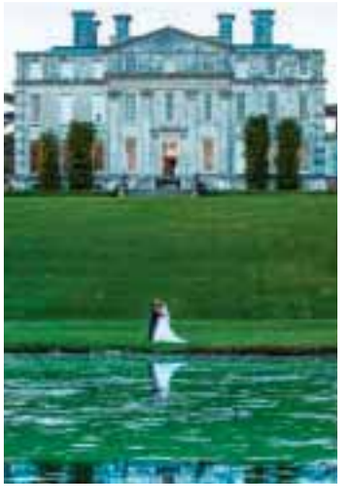

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Vocal group as featured on Gareth Malone's The Choir to perform in Lyme Regis

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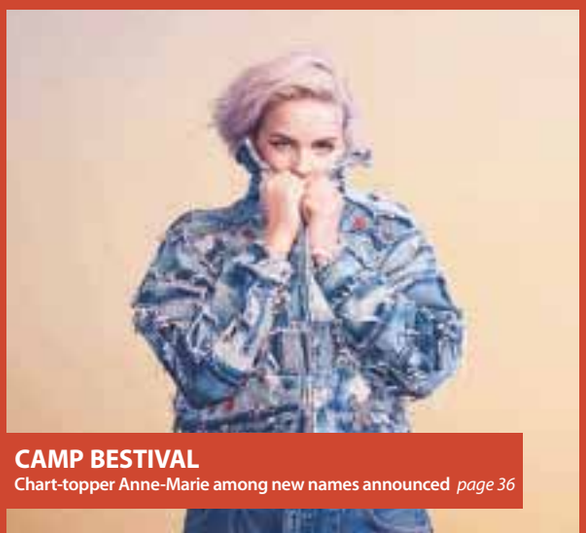

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TRANSMISSION

Your guide to local live music

Jazz Jurassica's Valentine's treat

JAZZ JURASSICA will literally blow away winter blues in time for Valentine's Day with acclaimed saxophonist Tony Roberts and the Ray d'Inverno Trio on Saturday, February 11th in Lyme Regis. After a remarkable playing career, spanning six decades, saxophonist Tony Roberts kicks off what will be his 80th year with a loved up set of exhilarating jazz classics.

Tony first cut his teeth as a young musician in the Royal Tank Regiment after answering ad in Melody Maker! Joining the army, he said, was the only way to learn his trade. "And then it was just practice, practice, and more practice until my lips bled".

After playing in army bands for six years, he went to London, quickly becoming a regular fixture at Ronnie Scott's and on the London gig circuit, both as a jazz musician and session player. He played regularly with the likes of John Dankworth and Alexis Korner. And here he also met up with John McLaughlin and Danny Thompson in the mid-1960s, before McLaughlin went off to play with Miles Davis.

Turning his back on the London music scene, Tony bought a small-holding outside Honiton and has remained in the area ever since. But his love affair with music never waned and he continued to earn his living as a musician, touring with John Renborne and playing music for the TV series Bergerac.

Although now in his 80th Year, Tony remains a passionate player and his love affair with the tenor sax is evident, "it's the closest sound to my own voice, I don't sing, but the tenor sax speaks to me, which is why I like it".

At Jazz Jurassica, he's joined by pianist/composer,

Tony Roberts

Ray d'Inverno leading his trio in this classy double bill. Ray has played with top jazz stars Gilad Atzmon, Alan Barnes, Tina May, John Williams and Norma Winstone.

So, what can audiences expect when Tony with the Ray d'Inverno Trio in February? Typically, he thinks about his audience first . "As it's so close to Valentine's Day, we're going to focus on songs and melodies about love". A perfect treat for your Valentine.

Tony Roberts with the Ray d'Inverno Trio, Saturday, February 11th, By the Bay Restaurant, Lyme Regis. Customers must book a table in advance because of limited capacity. Tickets from www.lymeregisjazzfestival.co.uk/jazz-jurassica/ or through Lyme Regis Tourist Information Centre on 01297 442138.

Scottish folk icons 'Join Forces' tour comes to Bridport this Saturday

SEPTEMBER 2016 saw the release of the seventh Southern Tenant Folk Union album '*Join Forces*'. It was written following the May 2015 general election result, and then recorded in June and July 2016 amidst a quickly changing political landscape, something that has made the suite of songs seem timelier still. The band's tour continues through spring, and comes to Bridport this Saturday, February 11th.

Musically the album harks back to the more roots and bluegrass sounding earlier albums and is divided into two main strands. Firstly there are some tracks which have a much poppier and melodic approach than in the past. Songs such as the dynamic opener 'To The War', the frantic Arthur Lee & Love influenced 'The Media Attack', Rory Butler's 'Carefully Does It' and the title track 'Join Forces'. Then, secondly, several songs deliberately take in more old-time bluegrass chord sequences and sounds. Tracks like Ash, a metaphor for political progress meeting the sci-fi eco movie Silent Running, and the uptempo bluegrass lament that is Our Revolution It Will One Day Come which concerns the slow nature of change. Plain Stanley Brothers style A cappella harmony vocals start off My Grandfather's Father before mixing in folk fiddle & percussion breakdowns and then there's the anthemic What Would You Give For A Leader With Soul?

Southern Tenant Folk Union play at Bridport Arts Centre on Saturday, February 11th. Tickets are £12/£10. For more details and tickets call 01308 424204 or visit www.bridport-arts.com

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From 'The Choir' to the Pilot Boat!

Gareth Malone with the Longest Johns. *Picture: BBC*

IF YOU'VE been following The Choir on BBC with Gareth Malone, you will undoudtedly have noticed a bunch of bearded Bristolian blokes who rather stand out from the crowd.

Now the Longest Johns, fresh from their appearance on the popular TV show, are among the acts appearing next month at Lyme Folk Revisited, the annual fundraiser for the town's summer folk festival.

The one-off show will be held on Saturday, March 18th at the Pilot Boat in Lyme Regis, and features three acts from across the region.

The five-strong singing group, all in their twenties, bring a youthful vigour – and a touch of bawdy Bristolian humour – to their performances of traditional shanties and their own original material.

Joining them for the evening will be Saskia Griffiths-Moore, a young singer-songwriter really making name for herself on the folk circuit.

Saskia's unique voice, perfectly complemented by her highly accomplished guitar style, bring new life classic songs and her own brilliant compositions, and have already made her a popular performer in Lyme, with several appearances at the Marine Theatre and Lyme Folk Weekend. She is currently working on a much-anticipated second album.

Completing the evening are Mitchell & Vincent, a highly sought-after duo who have been among the most popular performers at Lyme Folk Weekend for the last four years. David Mitchell (guitar) and Graham Vincent (violin and vocals) play a stunning mix of high tempo tunes to get your toes tapping and beautifully soulful folk ballads to melt your heart.

A Lyme Folk organiser said: 'The annual Revisited show is becoming a traditional event for us, and we are delighted to welcome such amazing talent once again. All the performers are donating their time so all the proceeds from the show go to helping us put on the summer festival.

'We think this year's show will be right up there with the previous ones in terms of quality, and we are particularly thrilled to be holding the evening in the Pilot Boat, as we think an intimate but friendly setting will suit our performers perfectly.'

Tickets for the Lyme Folk Revisited fundraiser are £10, available online at www.lymefolk.com, from Lyme Regis Tourist Information Centre (01297 442138) or from the Pilot Boat, 1 Bridge Street, Lyme Regis.

Saskia Griffiths-Moore

Critically acclaimed play about cricketer Colin Milburn comes to Lyme Regis

Dan Gaisford as Colin Milburn

FOLLOWING a sell-out tour in November 2016, Dougie Blaxland's critically acclaimed one man show *When The Eye Has Gone* is coming to The Marine Theatre Lyme Regis as part of a UK National tour on 8th and 15th March 2017. Tickets are available from the box office on 01297 442138.

When The Eye Has Gone tells the all too brief life of Colin "Ollie" Milburn - the cricketing legend who was one of England's most unlikely sporting heroes. Full of anecdotes, a thumping soundtrack and a large gin and coke, the story swings backwards and forwards through Milburn's life as he raises a glass to the triumphs, including his first Test Century against the West Indies at Lords in 1966 and the disasters, like losing his left eye in a car accident in 1969.

The extraordinary story of Colin Milburn has all the hallmarks of a Greek tragedy. In 1966 he became a household name, scoring a blistering century against the mighty West Indies in only his second test. He then caused a major sensation playing for Western Australia in the Sheffield Shield smashing 243 against Queensland at Brisbane in an innings described by Don Bradman as "the greatest innings played by an Englishman on Australian soil". This was quickly followed by another glorious century for England against Pakistan in Lahore.

Just a few weeks later, on his triumphant return to England, he lost his left eye in a car crash in Northampton, an injury that effectively ended his career and life prospects. His subsequent decline into alcoholism ended with his death from a heart attack at the age of 48. Ian Botham was one of the pall bearers.

Originally commissioned by The Professional Cricketers' Association for Mind Matters, their mental health awareness programme, *When The Eye Has Gone* was written by the award-winning playwright Dougie Blaxland, nom de plume of James Graham-Brown, a former Derbyshire and Kent all-rounder and directed by Roughhouse Theatre.

The part of Colin Milburn is played by GSA graduate Dan Gaisford. Dan has worked extensively in TV, film and theatre and his recent credits include Clybourne Park (Mercury Theatre Colchester), Kidnapped (Brassworks Theatre) and Henry Walker and the Wheel of Death (Roughhouse Theatre).

The show comes to the Marine Theatre, Lyme Regis on Wednesday, March 8th and Wednesday, March 15th at 8pm. Tickets are £13 and £12 (concessions), available online at www.marinetheatre.com or by calling 01297 442138.

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ERIC Knowles takes centre stage with a two hour, one man show that retains the same winning format of meet and greet... but with a difference!

Audience members can bring along their heirlooms and treasures for on stage discussion but then, in the final part of the show, they will be able to see their objects brought to the screen, courtesy of a web type camera that will allow a more detailed view and appreciation in the valuation session.

Eric Knowles is one of those rare individuals who is able to share his extensive knowledge of the world of Antiques in a manner that is easily understood. With over Twenty years working on the BBC's flagship programme The Antiques Roadshow under his belt, Eric has become the friendly face of what for many years proved to be a business shrouded with no small element of mystery.

In What's it Worth?, the lad from Lancashire takes the wraps off a business in which he has been immersed for over 30 years. The first part of the evening is given over to what are quite often irreverent anecdotal reminiscences, ably supported by excellent images.

The second part of the evening is devoted to the audience's 'treasures', twenty five of which have been selected by Eric during the initial meeting and greeting session and welcome party. Eric is keen to assure all those bringing heirlooms that he for one will be drinkvA witty and entertaining look at the world of Antiques with one of its best raconteurs.

A two or three course, home-cooked preshow supper is available before the show.

Eric Knowles brings his show 'What's it Worth' to Bridport Arts Centre on Friday, February 24th at 7.30pm. Tickets are £15 and £14, available online at www.bridport-arts.com or by calling 01308 424204

Join The Rebellion!

Marine Theatre Launches 'Monmouth' Community Play this Thursday

THE MARINE THEATRE in Lyme Regis is holding a launch event in preparation for their highly anticipated July 2017 community play *'Monmouth'*, about the Monmouth Rebellion, this Thursday, February 9th.

Based on this poignant piece of Lyme history the play will tell the story of the attempt by James Scott, 1st Duke of Monmouth to overthrow the King of England James 2nd. The events that transpired became known as the last battle on English soil.

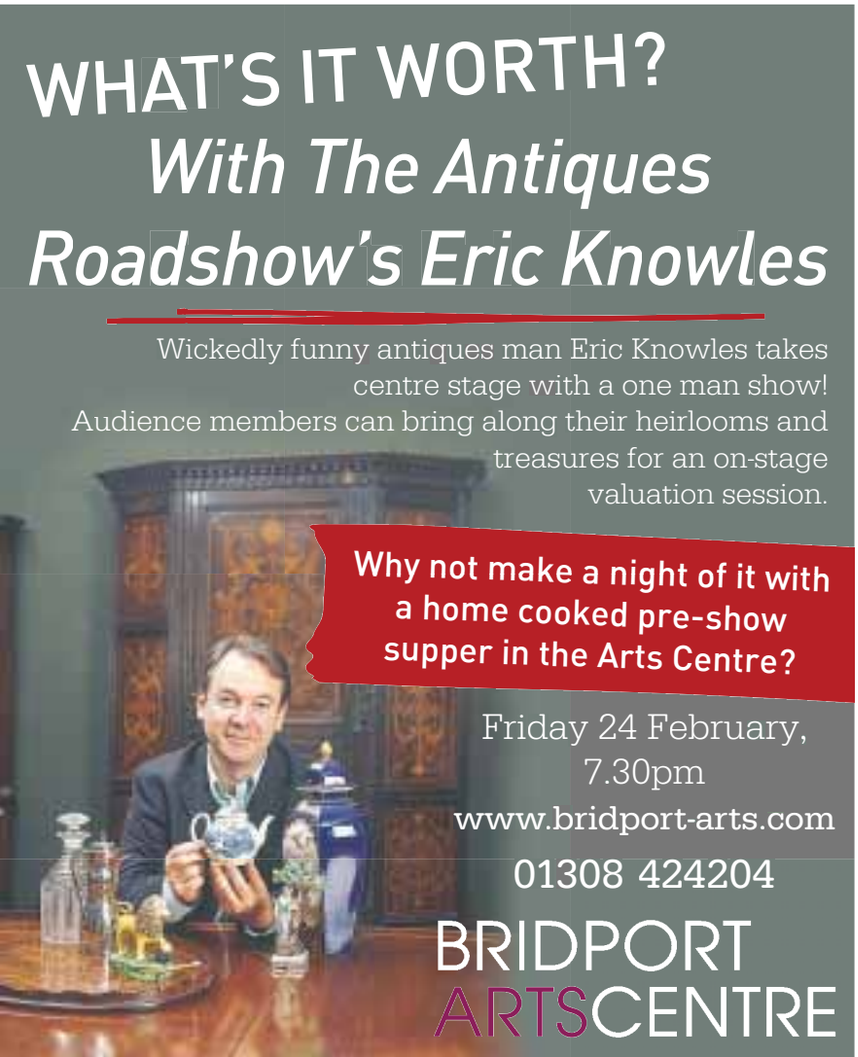
The launch night kicks off from 6pm with a talk by Chris Copson of The Keep Military Museum, whose presentation 'The Journey To Sedgemoor' will shed light on the bloody events that unraveled in 1685.

Then at 7pm there will be a special preview reading of the new play written by local writer Andrew Rattenbury, the pen behind last summer's award-winning *'The Tempest of Lyme'*. The reading will be performed by some of last year's cast members.

All are welcome to the launch event, whether interested in local history or keen to take part in the community play. This will be a great opportunity for local actors, musicians, singers and people interested to help backstage to hear the play, give their feedback and sign up to be involved in the production.

The Theatre Bar will be open from 6pm and the event is free with a suggested donation of £5 per person to go towards essential funds for the community play.

To register to be involved in this year's community play email officeassistant@marinetheatre.com



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■ Mark and Sue Steward

THE SUPERBLY situated Harbour Inn in Lyme Regis is a family business run by Sue Steward and her son Mark. The pair have been at the helm of the Habrour for 14 years now and they offer first class food, wines, ales, and views of the spectacular Jurassic Coast. Mark and Sue have a wealth of experience in hospitality including previous ownership of The Awliscombe Inn and The Wine Bar, 15 miles away in Honiton.

The restaurant has recently undergone an extensive re-fit and looks fantastic. Sue's celebrated artist daughter Julie provides many of the restaurant's decorations in the form of her subtly coloured, sensitive, imaginative paintings, which compliment the new décor wonderfully.

For all those celebrating Valentines on Tuesday, February 14th, a number of specials specifically created for Valentines will be available to tantalise those taste buds! Take a look at the menu on the opposite page and be sure to get a table booked while there is still some availability.

Their team of very experienced chefs have created a mouth-watering menu for the new season. Head chef Darrol has been in the Harbour Inn kitchen for 9 years and still continues to cook fantastic food, assisted by Ben.

The evening menu is available seven nights a week with the restaurant having previously closed on a Sunday night during the winter, but that is no longer the case. What better way to round off your weekend than sampling the fantastic local food on offer at The Harbour Inn? The new full evening and lunch menus can be seen on the page opposite.

The Harbour Inn remains popular with both locals and visitors alike. Sunday Lunch has always been a favourite, with locally reared Roast Beef served with all the trimmings available for just £11. The specials board is always full of fresh, local fish dishes, all of which can be enjoyed on the beached area with those first class views in the warmer months.

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■ Julie's work is on display at the Harbour Inn

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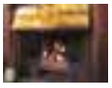

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Freshly prepared soup of the day £4.80
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Deep fried Salt and Pepper Squid with garlic mayonise **£6.80/£11.90**
River Teign Mussels in white wine with garlic, onion and cream **£9/£17.40**
Little Hot Crust Game Pie local game in a red wine smoked bacon sauce **£6.80**
Fried Smoked Haddock Fish Cake panko crumb served with a smooth chowder dressing, caper and egg salad **£7.20**
Garlic Roasted Spinach and Rocket Cannelloni baked in a Devon Oke cheese sauce **£7.20**
Garlic Bread £3.50
Cheesy Garlic Bread £4.80
Mixed olive bowl £3.80

Main Courses

Harbour Inn Fish Pie Local fish with salmon, smoked haddock and prawns, in a creamy sauce. Served with salad **£14.50**
Harbour Inn Bouillabaisse Mixture of local and Cornish fish and shellfish in a rich tomato and basil sauce, with toasted rosemary focaccia bread **£16.70**
Fillet of Lyme Bay Plaice pan roasted and served with chorizo roasted potato and pepper confit. Provencale dressing **£16.90**
Devonshire Rib Eye steak served with peppercorn, cream and brandy sauce, onion rings, chips and salad **£18.90**
Roast Devon Duck Breast Watercress and potato gratin with red wine duck gravy 'Bourguignon' style **£18.50**
Slow Roasted Shoulder of Dorset Lamb topped with root vegetable mash served with port, red current jelly and mint gravy **£17**
Vegetarian dish of the day £14.40

Sides

Chips, salad, vegetables of the day, £3.50
Basket of bread £2.50

Valentine's Menu

To Start..

Cream of Asparagus Soup with smoke artichoke puree & asparagus powder
Carpaccio of local venison Sea salt and spice rub, beetroot, ginger & sweet chilli salsa
Little lobster Thermidore Portland lobster in our special Thermidor sauce, on toasted brioche
Porcini mushroom and Parmesan Ravioli Wild mushroom, cream sauce

To Follow..

Devon beef cooked two ways Seared fillet cooked to order presented with a slow roasted shin of beef 'cottage pie'. Juice from the roast & thyme gravy
Chicken kiev Classic garlic and parsley butter in a panko crumb with pea puree & giant chips
Lyme Bay line caught sea bass Pan roasted and served on a prawn and chorizo paella, sundried tomato and basil jus
Roasted Mediterranean vegetable cassoulet Garnished with fried mushroom and sun blushed tomato polenta, and little truffle risotto croquets

To Finish..

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Glorilla!

French actress Gloria Delaneuf brings new show to Dorset

Gloria Delaneuf in Glorilla!

FOLLOWING on from their award-winning debut show 'Gloriator', 'Glorilla' is the hilarious new show from French and English comedy duo Spitz & Co.

Kerry Bartlett, Artsreach Co-Director said "We've heard brilliant things about this emerging new company from other counties, and can't wait to present this brand new show to audiences across Dorset. With the support of local solicitors Blanchards Bailey, we are delighted to be presenting three nights of Glorilla in rural Dorset."

Acclaimed French actress and international animal communicator, Gloria Delaneuf returns to the UK to talk about her life-changing experience with the gorillas of the Kungalunga Jungle. Assisted by her UK tour manager Josephine Cunningham, she is determined to show that man and gorilla can live "sans frontieres".

Part lecture, dramatic-reconstruction and live-demonstration, expect an evening of unrivalled physical comedy that will stay with you forever! Suitable for ages 13+

Glorilla! will be performed at West Stafford Village Hall on Saturday, February 11th at 7.30pm. For more details or to book visit www.artsreach.co.uk or call 01305 265282.

Imaginative Family Theatre for Half Term

Did you ever have an imaginary friend? A little piece of mischief only you could see? Join PaddleBoat Theatre this half term as they bring their delightful production 'Margot & Mr Whatsit' to Dorset through Artsreach, the counties arts charity.

Sophia's imaginary friend is called Mr. Whatsit, and he's always there with a new joke to tell and a new game to play - that is, until the day she unimagines him. Now there's a new imaginary friend in town - the tea-drinking, lipstick-wearing, ever-confident Margo. Can Mr. Whatsit's childish playfulness keep him from being unimagined forever? And as Sophia's imagination goes to war, will she manage to find peace in her new home?

Born from the vibrant city of Exeter, PaddleBoat Theatre are committed to delivering high-quality productions for children and families across the South-West.

PaddleBoat Theatre Company present a lively and imaginative tale full of mime, puppetry, music, clowning and object play and invite you to enter Sophia's world, where the real and the imaginary collide and friends are never far away. Suitable 4+

The show comes to Cerne Abbas Village Hall on Saturday, February 18th at 11am - for more details call 01300 341332. The show will then head to Winfrith Village Hall on Saturday, February 18th at 4pm - 01305 852117.

More big names announced for Camp Bestival 2017

Anne-Marie, Reverend and the Makers, The Skints and more added to the bill

Anne-Marie

FIRING UP your imagination and getting creative is a big part of the Camp Bestival experience. From dressing up as Pop Stars and Rock Stars; getting your glitter on in Art Town and woodworking in Spinney Hollow; to awesomely entertaining circus acrobats, wondrous theatre shows and the simple joys of cavorting with your nearest and dearest, the possibilities for creative play will be everywhere in the tenth anniversary festi-holiday wonderland. So, delve into the innovative and inspirational and get creative and be free! And once your inner-artist is content, grab your dancing shoes and join us for record breaking disco ball action, lots more DJ love and fantastic live music with some proper pop stars too, from July 27-30th at Lulworth Castle.

Rob da Bank, Camp Bestival curator says: "The Camp Bestival story continues to hot up with Anne-Marie and Reverend and the Makers joining the party. We are also hiring a ruddy huge crane to bring you the World's Largest Disco Ball, and not just with any old DJs, but with a stellar cast of late night party starters from Sara Cox and the Inspiral Carpets' Clint Boon to our mate Bez and a brand-new teen night too... see you at the castle".

He's the king of kids' TV when it comes to things to make and do, so organisers are super-excited to announce that Mister Maker will be making his debut at this year's Camp Bestival. A well-spring of inventiveness and a master of colour and shapes, Mister Maker is a sure-fire source of inspiration when it comes to creative play and we can wait to see him.

The Bear & the Piano will also be live in the Dingly Dell. Winner of 2016's Waterstones Children's Book Prize for Best Illustrated Book, don't miss this series of magical storytelling sessions, craft and musical workshops based on David Litchfield's beautiful story of friendship.

There'll also be jaw-dropping spectacles including the amorous automaton, The Love Bot, the return of the World's Biggest Bouncy Castle and the Bestival Inflatable Church & Wedding Disco. And there will be craftsmanship and wood carving galore in Spinney Hollow, bugtastic acrobatics as The Insect Circus presents the Greatest Show on Earth, and the ramshackle wonders of Caravanserai.

Reverend and the Makers

You'll be able to build your magnum opus and design the ultimate glam get up when you get involved with Art Town: Pop Stars & Rock Stars Creations. And you can marvel at Marawa's Majorettes and join in off-the-wall fun and games with the Bestival Bluecoats. With so much more to explore throughout the weekend make sure you join in with all the creativity.

As part of the tenth anniversary celebrations, Camp Bestival organisers are thrilled that one of their biggest and best ever record-breaking creations, The World's Largest Disco Ball, will be coming to Camp Bestival. But that's not all, there'll be uninhibited entertainment at a brand new dance destination bathed in the mirrored globe's glittering light with a series of ace Big Discos.

The Skints

So, don't miss the daily Kids' Disco every evening, with Rob da Bank & friends getting the tots rocking. And there will be some proper late night disco action for mums and dads too.

Friday night's Big Disco action will come courtesy of Sara Cox presents Just Can't Get Enough 80s with a luxuriance of big-haired dancefloor gems, and Inspiral Carpets' Clint Boon with his Big Boonarmy Bash playing hits from the cream of the indie scene. Saturday will see misunderstood broadcasting genius Barry Peters (AKA The Cuban Brothers' main man Miguel) taking yacht rock to improbable new heights with Halifax Hospital Radio Live, while Sunday's refulgent rave-up will have us throwing shapes to Happy Monday's legend Bez and his Indie Disco to Hacienda House Set. And making sure there's dancefloor action for everyone, there'll also be a Teen Big Disco Party – featuring grime, hip-hop, rock and pop with some special guest DJs.

Upping Camp Bestival's tenth anniversary dance game big time, there'll also be booty shaking sets from Eats Everything who will be going on an old skool tip, bass-led grooves from Shadow Child and Greco Roman Soundsystem, while hardcore behaviour is to be expected from Raindance who will be winding up the whistle posse with Altern-8, Daniel Billy Bunter, Shades of Rhythm, DJ Faydz, Liquid, Rachel Wallace and 2 Bad Mice. Plus, we'll have hip-swinging manoeuvres from Lady Jane Bongo, Jim8track, DJ Dapper Dan and Dr DJ & Bollywood Dancers.

She's queen of the charts having just spent nine weeks on the top spot with 'Rockabye' her collaboration with Clean Bandit, so we are over the moon to reveal that Anne-Marie will be helping us to celebrate Camp Bestival's tenth anniversary! An undeniable superstar, Anne Marie has a history of blowing crowds away whenever she plays, so hold on to your hats when she hits the Castle stage for what will be an unmissable set of sublime pop music! And ensuring there's plenty more live music across the weekend there will also be performances from Sheffield quintet Reverend and The Makers, sea shanty super stars Skinny Lister, tastemakers' top pick Louis Berry, Brit-reggae quartet The Skints, The Voice star Laura Oakes, exotic psychedelia from Flamingods, the veritable heart and soul of the 80s T'Pau and Liverpool's finest The Christians.

From artistry and imagination to rocking out and cutting loose, they've got it all at Camp Bestival in 2017.

Keep checking www.campbestival.net and our Facebook and Twitter for all the latest info.

Nicky Sweetland's

Showtime

ON THE SHOWBIZ BEAT

A little theatre overdose before travelling to Oz

■ LADY IN RED: Amy Wheatley in Little Red Riding Hood in Bridport

I THINK I've done it. My theatre addiction has finally gotten the better of me and I overdosed this week.

Six shows in four days, plus four interviews with the stars of the West End has left me with some worrying symptoms, including an inexplicable need to stand and applaud whenever someone does anything even remotely merit worthy as well as an innate moth like attraction to bright lights.

I've also started to randomly break into song whenever someone says anything that even remotely resembles a song lyric - although I think that's an affliction I've harboured for a while - and I've started using any slightly solid flooring area to practice tap dancing and moonwalking.

It has been a fantastic week however, filled with a variety of shows from plays to pantomimes and obviously, the obligatory sprinkling of musical theatre mixed in to make the dreary weather and tumultuous political climate fade into the background.

After a busy day in the Lyme Regis office, I had a tricky trip up to capital with the trains not playing ball- but eventually managed to get myself along to the Adelphi Theatre for my seventh helping of the joyful *Kinky Boots*, along with my friend, fellow theatrical devotee and blogger, West End Wilma.

This is still one of the best musicals in London in my opinion; so uplifting and filled with much needed themes of acceptance. With music by Cyndi Lauper the multi award winning show never fails to leave me beaming and is a definite recommendation.

Then I went to see Oscar winner, Mark Rylance in *Nice Fish* at The Harold Pinter Theatre. I couldn't tell you what it was about, because I have no idea. I'm sure the more clever critics will be able to give a deep meaning to it, but I spent much of the performance feeling as if I was in a parallel universe.

Luckily the day was saved by my visit to the Lyric Hammersmith to see a new musical adaptation of Roald Dahl's *Fantastic Mr Fox*. With some lovely music and lots of adult naughtiness cleverly woven in, I had a whale of a time. This is a show for the whole family, which will tour the UK after its London run and is well worth a visit.

With my head filled and frazzled, my next theatre excursion may not have been such a good idea, but having never experienced *Stomp* before, I decided to pop along and see just how a show which involves banging bin lids together has managed to entertain audiences in the West End for over 25 years.

I found the blend of clowning and percussive dance surprisingly entertaining, although the omission of dialogue and music does make it lack purpose.

It was then time for some free food and fun at the Faulty Towers interactive dining experience. I learned quite early on in my career that eating in the capital is expensive, so I try my best to blag free food at every possible opportunity.

Sadly the cuisine on offer from Basil, Sybil and Manuel was mediocre, however it was a hugely entertaining evening.

The Faulty Towers Dining Experience will visit Exeter's Northcott Theatre later this year.

I then polished off my theatrical marathon by heading over to Bridport to see their pantomime version of *Little Red Riding Hood*. With an abundance of youthful exuberance and some hugely engaging portrayals, it was a great way to end the week.

Next week I'm off to the other side of the world, hopefully for a bit of sunshine. The Aussie's aren't quite so keen on their theatre, but I have managed to find a couple of shows to stave off my theatrical cold turkey.

I'm going to watch Disney's musical version of *Aladdin*, which I saw in the West End last year and a critically acclaimed play called the Testament of Mary, which is fulfilling a limited run at the Sydney Opera house.

You can read all of my reviews and interviews on our websites londonnewsonline.co.uk and viewnews.co.uk or you can follow me on Twitter for regular updates @NickySweetland

■ FOXY FUN: Greg Barnett and Richard Atwill in Fantastic Mr Fox

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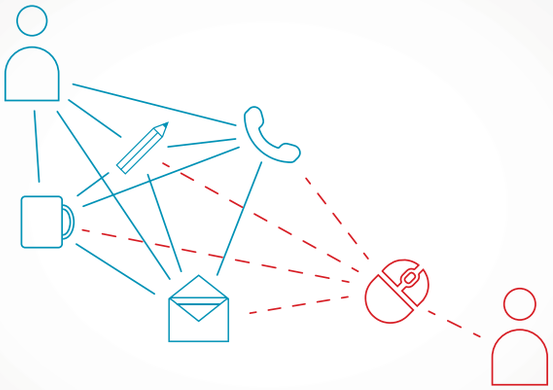

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FENCES [12A]
A WORKING-CLASS African-American father tries to raise his family in the 1950s, while coming to terms with the events of his life.

Stars Denzel Washinton, Viola Davis and Stephen Henderson.

THE SPACE BETWEEN US [PG]
THE first human born on Mars travels to Earth for the first time, experiencing the wonders of the planet through fresh eyes. He embarks on an adventure with a street smart girl to discover how he came to be.

Stars Gary Oldman, Asa Butterfield and Carla Gugino.

Cinema Listings

Fri, Feb 8th - Thu, Feb 16th

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Lion [PG]
Daily: 20.15
Manchester By The Sea [15]
Daily: 17.30
Moana 2D [UPG]
Daily: 11.30am
Sing 2D [U]
Fri: 11.00, 14.00
Sat, Mon-Thu: 11.15, 14.15
Sun: 11.15, 13.45
T2: Trainspotting [18]
Daily: 20.00
The Space Between Us [PG]
Fri: 11.15, 14.15, 17.15
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Thu: 15.15, 18.15, 21.15
La La Land [12A]
Fri: 13.30, Sun-Wed: 20.10,
Thu: 20.30
Sing 2D [U]
Fri: 16.30
Sat: 11.15, 13.45, 16.30
Sun-Wed: 11.45, 14.30
Thu: 10.50, 13.20, 16.00
The Lego Batman Movie [U]
Daily: 12.30, 13.00, 15.30, 18.00 plus Sat, Sun & Wed: 10.30am
Trolls [U]
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Sun, Tue-Wed: 11.30, 14.30, 16.30, 17.30, 18.10, 19.00, 19.30, 19.45, 20.00, 20.30
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Thu: 11.30, 14.30, 16.30, 17.30, 18.00, 19.00, 19.30, 20.00, 20.30
John Wick: Chapter 2 [15]
Tue: 17.10, 21.10
La La Land [12A]
Fri-Wed: 14.10, Thu: 13.20
Lion [PG]
Fri-Mon, Wed, Thu: 20.15
Moana [PG]
Fri-Wed: 11.20am, Thu: 10.40am
Rings [15]
Fri-Mon, Wed: 17.10
Sing 2D [U]
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Split [15]
Fri, Tue, Thu: 13.30
T2: Trainspotting [18]
Fri-Mon, Wed: 21.00
The Great Wall [12A]
Thu: 20.50
The Lego Batman Movie 2D [U]
Daily: 10.20, 11.10, 13.00, 13.50, 14.45, 15.40, 18.15, 20.45
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FOLLOWING the international sell-out success of her previous show '*Cara Josephine*' across the UK, Europe, in Australia and New York, the star of BBC Radio 4's Romance and Adventure, All of the Planet's Wonders and presenter of Short Cuts tours her eighth solo stand-up show nationwide in 2017.

Josie's 34. She thought by now that she would have children, and be in love, and have a country that didn't vote with the far right parties to march us all off a cliff. And that she would be able to do all the awesome stuff that activists do. She thought we would have won by now. Oh, and she wanted to be taller and better looking.

This is a show about optimism and hopefulness, about looking for people and finding things to look up to. It's about wanting more from life than it might be up for giving out. It's about struggling with realising what you are, who you are and what you can't change about yourself, and about really feeling like an outsider for the first time. It's a bit about having faith in younger people, and friendship, and activism, and solidarity. Actually, she's been busy interviewing activists about what they do and why, so it's also about politics and making things happen. And there's probably a bit where she pretends to be a push-button shower, so it should be silly and fun too, with a few exciting bits in it.

Josie Long brings 'Something Better' to the Marine Theatre, Lyme Regis on Wednesday, March 1st at 8pm. Tickets are £15 (full) and £13 (concessions). For more details and to book visit www.marinetheatre.com or call 01297 442138

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During February we are also offering a FREE Dorset Farmers Market bag for life if you make a purchase at three or more stalls at one of our markets and the Dorset Coffee Co. will be giving away FREE coffee to raise funds for the Weldmar Hospicecare Trust.

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WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 8TH

MARTINSTOWN: Chair-based exercise. Martinstown Village Hall. 11am. For more details call 01308 426390.
BRIDPORT: Bridport Camera Club competition. "Water" judged by Tim Booth. 7.30pm Chancery House, DT6 3JT. The club is always happy to welcome new members. For details please phone the Club Secretary on 01308 482658.
DORCHESTER: Evergreens Cinema presents 'The Aristocats' and the Wallace and Gromit favourite 'A Grand Day Out'. Cinema lights will dim at 1.45pm. Tea and biscuits will be served during the showing for just £1.50, ice creams will also be available. Everyone welcome to Age UK Dorchester's centre in Prince of Wales Road, a great afternoon of animated fun on the big screen entertainment. For more details call 01305 269444.

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 9TH

DORCHESTER: The Thursday Group meeting at St George's Church Hall, Fordington. Speakers on a range of topics, followed by refreshments and time to talk to friends and make new ones. Held on the second Thursday of most months. The February meeting presentation will be by Martin Stephen of the National Trust, who will show pictures of Max Gate, Hardy's Cottage and Clouds Hill, all local properties. Start at 2.15pm and the charge is £1, which includes a biscuit and a cup of tea/coffee. All welcome. For more details call 01305 269834.
DORCHESTER: 'Red Hot Chillis & Cool Veg' talk by Joy Michaud of Sea Spring Farm. At the Conference Room, Kingston Maurward College. 7pm for 7.30pm. Visitors welcome £2.50, students £1 at the door.

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 9TH - WEDS MARCH 1ST

LYME REGIS: Lyme Regis's Town Mill is proud to host its second Printmakers Open. This unique exhibition will showcase over 50 of the best West Country printmakers and feature work made using the full range of different print techniques (etching, silkscreen, linocut, monoprint). Open daily 10.30-4.00. Free admission. The Malthouse Gallery, The Town Mill, Mill Lane, Lyme Regis DT7 3PU
LYME REGIS: Coastline is a 2D and 3D art exhibition by over 20 Dorset and Devon artists who are responding to the iconic Jurassic Coast, its people and local history, its geology and palaeontology, its colours, shapes and rhythms. Open daily 10.30-4.00. Free admission. The Courtyard Gallery, The Town Mill, Mill Lane, Lyme Regis DT7 3PU

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 10TH

MARTINSTOWN: Exercise to Music. Martinstown Village Hall. 10am. For more details call 01308 426390.
WEST BAY, BRIDPORT: Exercise to Music. WI Hall, George Street. 3pm. For more details call 01308 426390.
LYME REGIS: Lyme Bay Photographic Club Horseshoes competition selection. At Woodmead Halls DT7 3PG.
ASKERSWELL: Stott Pilates, Askerswell Village Hall 9:30 to 10:30am. Book or turn up on the day. Every Friday. For more details call 07585356929 or email Debbie.rushen@googlemail.com
LYME REGIS: U3A Heritage Coast. Social and information morning. 10.00am in Woodmead Halls, Hill Road, DT7 3PG. Come for free coffee and chat, a chance to meet leaders of more than fifty interest and activity groups, to find out more about the U3A, and to join in if you wish. At 10.30am, a special welcome and introduction for new and recently-joined members. Members and non-members all welcome. More information about the U3A at website lymeregisu3a.org or phone 01297 444566.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 11TH

BRIDPORT: Bridport Seed Swap, 10am-12noon. At Ropemakers Inn, West St. Join this informal and jolly gathering of local gardeners and swap your surplus seeds for some other seedy gems and surprises. There are always plenty, so feel free to simply come and take some for a donation to charity if you don't have any surplus. For more info call Eileen on 01308 421678

MONDAY FEBRUARY 13TH

BURTON BRADSTOCK: Biodanza at Othona. Express, Connect, Relax! Dance like no one's watching, no steps to learn, no partner needed, uplifting world music and holistic health benefits. For all ages from 19 to 90. 7.15pm for 7.30pm. Join in bimonthly with teacher Julia Hope-Brightwell (Jewell). Cost £8 (Cons avail). Othona Community, Coast Road, Burton Bradstock DT6 4RN. Contact Robin 01308 897 130 / biodanza-bridport.co.uk
BEAMINSTER: Moviola presents 'Bridget Jones's Baby' in the Beaminster Public Hall. Doors 7pm, film 7.30pm. Tickets at Yarn Barton 01308 862715. Weekdays 9.30-12.30 and Saturdays 9.30-1pm. Or call 01308 861746. £5 in advance, £5.50 on the door.
BRIDPORT: Exercise to Music. WI Hall, North Street. 5.45pm. For more details call 01308 426390.
WEYMOUTH: The next meeting of the Radipole & Southill Horticultural Society will be held at the Southill Community Centre at 7.30pm. The invited speaker comes from the Gardens Group and will presenting on the subject of "From Grower to Garden Centre". Refreshments will be available and everyone is welcome.

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 14TH

WEST BAY, BRIDPORT: Chair-based Exercise. WI Hall, George Street. 10.15am. For more details call 01308 426390.

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 14TH - SATURDAY 18TH

BUCKLAND NEWTON: Piddle Valley Players proudly presents Guys and Dolls, at Buckland Newton Village Hall, 7pm. £10 including refreshments. Tickets from Old Chapel Stores, Buckland Netwon and Piddletrenthide Post Office from January.

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 15TH

EYPE, NEAR BRIDPORT: West Dorset Decorative & Fine Arts Society lecture. 'The Glasgow Girls' speaker Jennie Spiers. At Highlands End Leisure Centre, 2.30pm. For more details call 01297 443615.
MARTINSTOWN: Chair-based exercise. Martinstown Village Hall. 11am. For more details call 01308 426390.

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 16TH

BRIDPORT: Bridport & District Gardening Club meeting at the Women's Institute Hall, North Street, 7.30pm. Speaker Emily Morris on 'The Donkey Sanctuary'.
PORTLAND: Open Day at The Islanders Club for Young People, East Weare Road, Verne Common, Portland DT5 1ES from 11 to 2pm. All are welcome to come and see what's on offer, both for young people and for the wider community. All facilities, including activity room, sports hall, meeting room, tv lounge and kitchen will be open for inspection and are available for hire. The club is also looking for volunteers, so if you are interested in helping out come and have a look.

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 17TH

MARTINSTOWN: Exercise to Music. Martinstown Village Hall. 10am. For more details call 01308 426390.
WEST BAY, BRIDPORT: Exercise to Music. WI Hall, George Street. 3pm. For more details call 01308 426390.
LYME REGIS: Lyme Bay Photographic Club talk. Speaker Simon Emmett, local photographer. At Woodmead Halls DT7 3PG.
ASKERSWELL: Stott Pilates, Askerswell Village Hall 9:30 to 10:30am. Book or turn up on the day. Every Friday. For more details call 07585356929 or email Debbie.rushen@googlemail.com
SUTTON POYNTZ, WEYMOUTH: Stephen Fearing in concert at Mission Hall, 8pm. Tickets £13 available by calling 01305 837299.
SOUTH PERROTT: Family Bingo at South Perrott Village Hall. Eyes down 6.30pm. For more details call 01935 891224.
CHICKERELL: Anything Accordion evening at Victoria Inn, 7pm. A get together for Accordion enthusiasts to chat or play, listen or socialise, bring their own instrument or try one of the eight in my private collection. Call Clive wheeler for info, 07758134593.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 18TH

WEYMOUTH: Talk by John Smith on the Channel Dash 1942, at Weymouth Library 10.30am. For more details call 01305 832613. Reserve a place at the library desk, payment on booking preferred. Details on FOWL membership available from The Secretary or on noticeboard in the library
BOTHENHAMPTON: Film: 'The Girl on the Train' at Bothenhampton Village Hall. £4 for film club members, £5 for everybody else. For more details call 01308 423071. Organised by Bothenhamptn Village Hall Committee.

MONDAY FEBRUARY 20TH

BRIDPORT: Exercise to Music. WI Hall, North Street. 5.45pm. For more details call 01308 426390.
WEST BAY, BRIDPORT: The Devon and Dorset Old Comrades Association meeting. The association meets every third Monday of the month at 11am at Haddon House in West Bay.

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 21ST

WEST BAY, BRIDPORT: Chair-based Exercise. WI Hall, George Street. 10.15am. For more details call 01308 426390.

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 22ND

UPLYME: Uplyme and Lyme Regis Horticultural Society's first talk of 2017, by Steve Griffiths of Abbotsbury Gardens, at Uplyme Village Hall at 7.30pm. This is entitled "Four Head Gardeners Explore the Wilds of Chile", and will describe the adventures of Steve and three companions who retraced the steps of William Lobb, a noted Victorian plant hunter. Tea and biscuits will be available, members enter free but visitors pay £3.
MARTINSTOWN: Chair-based exercise. Martinstown Village Hall. 11am. For more details call 01308 426390.

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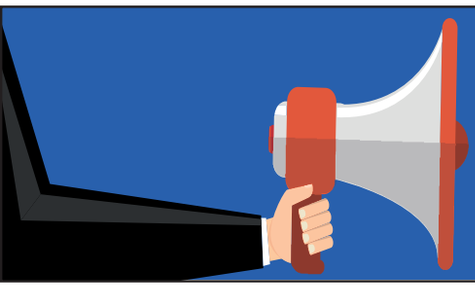

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Toolstation Premier (38)	Pld	Pts
Bristol Manor Farm	26	69
Street	26	61
Melksham Town	24	58
Buckland Athletic	24	57
Bradford Town	26	49
Willand Rovers	25	46
Odd Down	28	46
Cribbs	26	40
Chipping Sodbury	27	38
Shepton Mallet	29	35
Wells City	28	34
Gillingham Town	24	33
Cadbury Heath	22	31
Clevedon Town	26	30
Brislington	21	27
BRIDPORT	23	22
Longwell Green	27	16
Bitton	26	14
Sherborne Town	25	12
Hallen	27	11

Dorset Premier (32)	Pld	Pts
Balti Sports	23	58
Holt Utd	19	49
Swanage & Herston	21	42
Westland Sports	21	39
Hamworthy Recreation	21	39*
Dorchester Sports	20	38
Gillingham Town Res	20	34
Parley Sports	18	32
Merley Cobham Sports	15	30
Blandford Utd	21	27
BRIDPORT RES	22	24
Sturminster Newton Utd	21	23
Wareham Rangers	18	18
Mere Town	21	17
Hamworthy Utd Res	23	14
Sherborne Town Res	21	9
Cranborne	21	3

D&E Division 1 (20)	Pld	Pts
Cronies FC	15	41
Sidmouth Town Res	13	24
Exeter University Res	14	23
Colyton	13	23
LYME REGIS	12	20
Exmouth Town Reserves	13	20
Witheridge Reserves	11	18
Alphington Reserves	14	13
Willand Rovers Res	17	11
Wellington Reserves	13	9
Bickleigh	15	6

D&E Division 6 (24)	Pld	Pts
Exwick Village	16	38
Winkleigh	13	36
Hemyock	14	28
Offwell Rangers	15	28
LYME REGIS RES	12	24
Halwill Reserves	17	24
Central FC	12	23
Tivvy Park Rangers	14	17
Dunkeswell Rovers	16	15
Elmore Reserves	12	13
Stoke Hill	14	11
Silverton	16	5
Hatherleigh Reserves	15	5

Perry Street Prem (20)	Pld	Pts
Beaminster	14	34
Barrington	12	30
South Petherton	12	27
Shepton Beauchamp	12	26
Winsham Utd	13	25
Misterton	11	17
Chard Utd	10	11
West & Middle Chinnock	12	9
Netherbury	12	9
Combe Reserves	11	2*
Drimpton	13	0

Perry St Div 1 (18)	Pld	Pts
Pymore	9	20
Waytown Hounds	10	19
Merriott Rovers	9	18
Forton Rangers	10	17
Uplyme	10	14
Hawkchurch Utd	6	13
Shepton Beauchamp Res	9	11*
Ilminster Town Colts	9	10
Combe A	9	7
South Petherton Res	11	1

Perry St Div 2 (18)	Pld	Pts
Chard Rangers	10	27
Charmouth	13	23
Winsham Utd Reserves	11	22
Halstock	8	21
Farway Utd	11	21
Thorncombe	12	12
Dowlish & Donyatt	11	12
Crewkerne Rangers	8	6
Kingsbury Episcopi	12	6
Chard Utd Reserves	10	3

Perry St Div 3 (24)	Pld	Pts
Misterton Reserves	11	29
Forton Rangers Res	10	24
Uplyme Reserves	11	24
Crewkerne Rangers Res	12	19
Thorncombe Reserves	13	19
Merriott Dynamos	11	17
Ilminster Town A	14	17
Lyme Regis Rovers	12	13*
Fivehead	9	12
Chard Rangers Reserves	14	11
Farway Utd Reserves	12	8
Chard Utd All Stars	9	2*

Three off as Beaminster title hopes are hit

Six from six makes Hounds genuine promotion contenders - Lyme Regis back in action with crucial local derby

PERRY STREET LEAGUE PREMIER

BARRINGTON 2 BEAMINSTER 1

SATURDAY'S result at Shelway Lane effectively made the outcome of the Premier Division title a four-horse race as long time favourites Beaminster were reined in after a stormy encounter that saw three players dismissed by referee Simon Salter.

The hosts, boosted by the signing of Adam Dawe from Misterton, were on top at half time with the advantage of a 2-0 cushion.

Top scorer Andy Whitefield turned provider for the opener setting up Alex Paul to break the deadlock.

Whitefield then claimed a second assist as George Hayward added number two with just 15 minutes on the clock.

Beaminster finally clicked into gear and both Lee Clark and Rich Hebditch were denied by the woodwork and Dan Baggs missed a good headed chance from a corner before half time.

Boosted by the slope in the second half, Baggs pulled one back for Beaminster.

◆ **BUSY TIME:** Simon Salter

But their momentum was halted when midfield playmaker Russell Legg received a second yellow card.

The game then opened up and Hebditch burst through on goal but was scythed down by Paul.

The Beaminster striker then kicked-out in retaliation and was shown a straight red card whilst Paul received a second yellow and was also dismissed.

This sparked a mass brawl with players and managers from both sides involved.

Barrington boss Sid Brown said: "We're very pleased with the result and performance. We just need to keep doing our job and see what happens."

Despite a growing suspension list, Beaminster Manager Gordy Childs is sure his team will bounce back, he told *View Sport*: "It was an even game but a slow start cost us and they did have some help from the woodwork.

"But that's football and we'll be back next week with three more points."

With a visit to lowly Chard United up next, it would be a major surprise if Beaminster slipped up on Saturday.

Remaining fixtures (top four);

BEAMINSTER (6); home – Misterton, Winsham Utd. Away – Chard Utd, Netherbury, Shepton Beau, South Petherton.

BARRINGTON (8); home – South Petherton. Away – Chard Utd, Drimpton, Misterton, Netherbury, Shepton Beau, W & M Chinnock.

SOUTH PETHERTON (8); home – Beaminster, Chard Utd, Misterton, Shepton Beau. Away – Barrington, Combe Res, Drimpton, Winsham Utd.

SHEPTON BEAU (8); home – Barrington, Beaminster, Drimpton, Netherbury, Winsham Utd. Away – Combe Res, South Petherton.

DIVISION ONE

WAYTOWN HOUNDS 5

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP RESERVES 1

A FOUR-GOAL Man-of-the-Match performance by skipper Jon Legg has propelled Waytown Hounds up to second spot and into the Division One promotion places.

The 22-year-old striker took his tally up to 18 for the season as the Hounds extended their winning run to six matches with a comfortable victory at Netherbury on Saturday.

The hosts got off to a perfect start in the opeing few minutes when Adam Cody-Boutcher sent Sam Dowle clear down the left flank, his cross was met by an unmarked Legg who made no mistake.

This rocked Shepton but they held on until the half hour when they con-

◆ **TOP FORM:** Jon Legg

ceded a penalty after Dowle was brought down in the penalty area and Cody-Boutcher stepped up to make it 2-0 from the spot.

The result was rubber-stamped a Hounds' purple patch leading up to the break when they scored twice more.

First, Legg turned his marker inside out before unleashing an unstoppable shot from the edge of the area. He then made it 4-0 and completed his hat trick when he tucked away the rebound after John Kingston's shot had rebounded back off the post.

Shepton improved after the interval but Waytown, mindful of conceding twice from a similar situation in their last match, were never going to let the three points slip away.

Legg made it 5-0 before the visitors got something for their efforts when Simon Lock smashed home a 25-yarder that soared into the top corner.

"Leggy was a defender's nightmare today, but it was another great team performance, I'm absolutely delighted with all the lads," said Waytown manager Joe Carter.

TOP SCORERS

Premier

38 – Rich Hebditch (South Petherton).
16 - Ryan Thurgood (South Petherton).
14 - Andy Whitefield (Barrington).
13 - George Hayward (Barrington).
12 – Jamie Spurdle (Misterton),
11 – Shane Evans (Beaminster), Murray Legg (Beaminster), Dan Rogers (Chard Utd).

Division One

32 – James Melville (Hawkchurch Utd).
18 - Jon Legg (Waytown Hounds).
15 – T.Hussey (Pymore).
14 - Nick Mortimer (Merriott Rovers), Robbie Walker (Forton Rangers), Gavin Herrod (Hawkchurch Utd).
13 – Jack Steer (Merriott Rovers),
11 –Andy Stevenson (Forton Rangers), Jordan Brain (Shepton Beau Res), Terry Crocker (Shepton Beau Res).

Division Two

28 – Mark Cawley (Halstock).
16 – John Allan (Winsham Utd Res).
15 - Scott Marshall (Chard Rangers).
11 – Brin Seward (Charmouth), Corey Sutherland (Winsham Res), Liam Male (Thorncombe/Chard Utd Res).
10 – Scott Isaacs (Crewkerne Rangers), Chris Tanner (Crewkerne Rangers/Halstock), Jordan Capper (Chard Rangers), Dan Rendell (Charmouth).

Division Three

32 - Callum Preston (Misterton Res),6
27 - Stuart Packer (Forton Res)
23 – Pete Peacock (Lyme Regis Rovers).
21 – Stuart Weston (Misterton Res).
14 – Jack Alford (Forton Rangers Res), Ajay Evans (Chard Rangers Res).
12 – Jonnie Harris (Uplyme Res), Frank Harris (Uplyme Res).
10 – Kev Cavanagh (Chard Ranger Res), Danny Baker (Merriott Dynamos), Ali Gurlek (Crewkerne Rangers Res).

FIXTURES – Saturday, February 11th

DEVON & EXETER LEAGUE (3pm ko)
Lyme Regsis v Colyton (D1)
Halwill Res v Lyme Regis Res (D6)

PERRY STREET LEAGUE (2.30pm ko)
PREMIER
Chard Utd v Beaminster
Combe Res v South Petherton
Drimpton v W & M Chinnock
Shepton Beau v Netherbury
DIVISION ONE
Forton Rangers v Shepton Beau Res
Hawkchurch Utd v Uplyme
Pymore v ilminster Town Colts
South Petherton Res v Combe A
Waytown Hounds v Merriott Rovers
DIVISION TWO
Chard Rangers v Chard Utd Res
Charmouth v Winsham Utd Res
Crewkerne Rangers v Halstock
Farway Utd v Kingsbury Episcopi
DIVISION THREE
Chard Utd All Stars v Uplyme Res
Ilminster Town A v Chard Rangers Res
Lyme Regis Rovers v Fivehead
Merriott Dynamos v Farway Utd Res
Misterton Res v Forton Rangers Res

◆ **GOALS:** Pete Peacock has netted 23 for Lyme Rovers

Triathlon

Local club make great start to competetive season

◆ **DEBUTS:** Jonathon and Ethan Day

PURE endurance Triathlon Club were involved in their first event of the year with six entrants at the Dawlish Aquathlon which was held at Dawlish Sports centre.

These included Jonathon and Ethan Day who were making their Pure Endurance debut taking on the novice distance, with Luke Reed Kerri-Ann Upham, Richard Easton and Phil Bartlett taking on the full distance.

Ethan Day came second in his age category with a time of 17.19 and Jonathon day won his age category with a time of 18.35

Reed was the top athlete with a time of 29.44 and sixth in his age category followed by Upham 33.17 and fourth in her age category, Easton 34.08 and second in his Age category and Bartlett 35.10 and 16th in his age category.

◆ **GOOD PERFORMANCES:** Phil Bartlett, Luke Reed, Richard Easton and Kerri-Ann Upham.

Yeovil Town news

Way loads up

YEOVIL Town manager Darren Way topped up his squad by swooping for three players on transfer deadline night as he looks towards the final third of the season *writes Stuart Broom*.

Following a 2-1 victory over promotion chasing Plymouth Argyle to break a run of eight league games without a win on the same evening, and a 1-1 draw at lowly Hartlepool United last Saturday, the Glovers sit in no man's land being nine points off a play-off palace and eleven points above relegation.

Whichever way it goes, he is going to need a full strength squad as there are no chances now to add to it before the end of the season as even emergency loans are banned.

As a result he has added Jean-Louis Akpa Akpro (Barnet), Kabongo Tshimanga (MK Dons) and Owain Jones (Swansea), all forwards, on half-season loan deals.

They join other forwards Shayon Harrison who has also arrived on loan for six months from Tottenham Hotspur, and Brandon Goodship, who has joined permanently as a free agent from Bournemouth.

With defender Tom James also joining permanently on a six-month deal from Cardiff, Way has added six players to his squad as he looks to finish the season in style.

Despite all these imports, the loss of Ryan Hedges who was recalled by his club Swansea, prior to transferring to Championship side Barnsley, is a huge loss to the club.

His impact has been decisive in the Glovers success this season and will be sorely missed, and it was disappointing that he missed the last month at Huish Park through injury caused by a callous, calculated first minute brutal foul by Exeter City's Joel Brown on Boxing Day.

Way has been critical of his forwards for not scoring enough goals, and of course the facts prove this with Francois Zoko, Tom Eaves and Otis Khan all only having scored seven apiece.

Yes they can be accused of missing chances, but all strikers at any level do that, but do they get the service they need to produce the opportunities, and will any of the five Way has signed be any better? None have glowing references in relation to goals per games ratios.

At 32, Akpro has had plenty of Football League experience with Grimsby Town, Rochdale, Tranmere Rovers and Shrewsbury Town, but has only scored 51 goals in over 350 appearances, whilst 20-year-old Tshimanga has had a series of short term loan deals over the last couple of years and has scored just seven in 42 outings.

Although Jones scored 16 times in 20 games for Swansea's U18s he has no senior experience, whilst Harrision, an 83rd minute sub for Tottenham in their 2-1 EFL defeat to Liverpool in October, also has no other senior exposure.

Goodship who joined the Glovers on a month's loan a year ago, scoring once in ten appearances, also doesn't have a glowing record. Obviously Way feels the problem is up front and chosen accordingly.

Considering Zoko was out for several months with an injury and has already scored seven in 23 games, several coming on from the bench, suggest he is no slouch, whilst the tireless Eaves and Khan have also got reasonable records, he obviously feels they are missing something.

Whilst a point against Hartlepool might be considered two dropped it has proved a notoriously difficult place to go.

However, if the Glovers are to make progress up League Two they need to be converting these games into victories.

This Saturday's home fixture against second bottom Leyton Orient therefore is a must.

After lifting them into a play-off place at the beginning of December and seeing them fall from grace in January, the Glovers boss will hope that they are now back on track and ready to make a challenge once again for a play-off place.

However they have the difficult task of beating fifth places Luton Town tonight in the Checkatrade Trophy Third Round at Kenilworth Road.

The Hatters managed by former Glover full back Nathan Jones will be a tough one with five out through injury or suspension and some of the new recruits ineligible.

Lyme Regis Cribbage

RESULTS (Jan 30th); New Inn Kilm A 3 Nags Head 2, Charlie's Angels 3 Stepps 2, Dolphin 3 Ship Inn LR 0, Talbot Arms 0 Gerrard Arms 5, Lamb Swans 3 Ax Con Club 2.

Beer League;New Inn Kilm A 2 Nags Head 1, Charlie's Angels 2 Stepps 1, Dolphin 1 Ship Inn LR 4, Talbot Arms 2 Gerrard Arms 1, Lamb Swans 2 Ax Con Club 1.

Fixtures (Monday, Feb 13th); Charlie's Angels v Talbot Arms, Stepps v Gerrard Arms, Dolphin v Lamb Swans, Ship Inn LR v New Inn Kilm, Nags Head v Ax Con Club,

Table - Week 18	Pld	Pts
Nags Head, LR	16	49
Gerrard Arms	17	49
Ship Inn, LR	17	45
New Inn Kilm A	17	45
Ax Con Club	16	41
Dolphin, Beer	16	40
Lamb Swans	17	40
Charlie's Angels	16	39
Talbot Arms	16	38
Stepps	16	38
New Inn Kilm B	16	26

Beer League	Pld	Pts
Nags Head, LR	16	30
Stepps	16	28
Lamb Swans	17	27
Charlie's Angels	16	26
New Inn Kilm B	16	26
Ax Con Club	17	24
Gerrard Arms	16	23
Dolphin, Beer	16	21
New Inn Kilm A	17	21
Ship Inn, LR	17	21
Talbot Arms	16	21

Basketball

Bandits still unbeaten after strong finish

Tres Barriles Predators 43
Weymouth Bandits 63

WEYMOUTH Bandits recently travelled to Portsmouth to take on the Predators at Charter Community sports centre.

In the first quarter the teams were on par defensively with five minutes passing by before the any points were on the board.

Tres Barriles broke the deadlock with a layup followed by a quick three-pointer from the corner.

Six minutes in and at last the Bandits, looking to maintain their unbeaten run, got moving with two points from Mark Gorman.

The hosts hit back immediately with another two points before the visitors found their range and dominated the scoring for the remainder of the quarter scoring nine of the next 11 points with baskets from Louis Weaver, Jim De Bertrand, Scott White and Gorman. However, this still left the visitors short by one ending the quarter 11−10 behind.

The Bandits came out in the second with all guns blazing as they took the first three baskets. Captain Chris Canham led the way with Josh Westlake and White netting the others.

The Predators then got back in the game, but two three-pointers from Tom Storey and Canham pushed the visitors to 31-22 lead going in to the break.

Into the third, and the Bandits defence was proving hard for the hosts to breakdown.

More baskets from Gorman, Weaver and White were taking their toll on the Predators as the visitors increased their lead to14.

The final quarter saw the highest points tally of the game as the two teams traded baskets with De Bertrand, Westlake and Weavers scores matched by the hosts.

But The Bandits started to increase their lead courtesy of Storey and Canham.

The referees had had a quiet game, allowing the game to flow, but in this quarter they were kept busy as a quick succession fouls came about from both teams.

The Bandits kept pushing and finished the game strongly with more points from Gorman, White, Canham and Carl Carter getting on the sheet.

***Scores**; Mark Gorman 16, Louis Weaver 12, Chris Canham 10, Josh Westlake 8, Scott White 6, Tom Storey 5, Jim De Bertrand 4, Carl Carter 2.*

Table Tennis

Strong show from Weymouth youngsters

THREE teams of budding table tennis players from Budmouth College, Weymouth produced superb displays at the recent National Schools Team Table Tennis Championships Zonal Final where they competed against teams from Cornwall, Devon, Somerset and Bristol.

It couldn't have been a tougher start for the **Boys U16 team** of Jamie Blair, Will Jolliffe, Ethan Gear & Tom Lydford who played Eggbuckland College in Plymouth in the first match. With both considered joint favourites to win their group, it turned out to be the "Match of the Day"!

Blair got things underway with a stunning 3-2 victory over Leon Zacharkiw, having lost the first two legs, but with Jolliffe losing to Uther Kingdom, and Lydford going down 1-3 it was left to a rejuvenated Gear to level things up with a 3-0 win.

When Blair and Jolliffe both lost their second matches things didn't look good, but Gear gave another scintillating performance winning 3-0, leaving Lydford with all the pressure on his young shoulders. However, at 8-8 in the fifth and final leg the youngster kept his head to ensure a 4-4 draw.

Budmouth were declared winners of the tie on count back by 17 legs to 16.

The other two matches were much more straightforward as they claimed 7-1 and 6-2 victories over Bournemouth School for Boys and Haygrove School, Bridgwater, respectively. As winners, Budmouth go on to the Regional Finals to be held in Bristol on March 5th.

The **Girls U16 team** of Rosa McKechnie, Jaimee Browne, Ella Stanton & Sophie Storey were playing at this level for the first time, but they exceeded all expectations. They got off to a wonderful, start as they demolished Haygrove 7-1.

McKechnie led the way with two victories, but the match of the tie saw Storey trading shots in a tense five-leg match and at 8-10 down in the decider, some superb clean hitting took her to a 12-10 win.

The Budmouth girls then played Okehampton Community College who were the national U13 champions two years ago and although they fought hard, Budmouth were outclassed 8-0.

◆ **THROUGH TO REGIONAL FINAL:** The Girls under 16 team, from left; Rosa McKechnie, Sophie Storey, Ella Stanton and Jaimee Browne.

The last match was against Bournemouth School for Girls. McKechnie and Stanton both managed wins but the BSG girls surged into a 4-2 lead. Remarkably, both Storey and Browne then scored crucial victories to earn a 4-4 draw. As a result, the Budmouth finished runners-up in the group and progress to the Regional Finals in Bournemouth on March 4th.

The **Boys U13 team** of Ben Howe, Jed Brackenridge, George Ackerley & Ted Paul were also new to this level but acquitted themselves really well. They won their opening match 6-2 against St Laurence School from Bradford-on-Avon, but then suffered two 3-5 defeats to Wellington School and Bristol-based QE Hospital School.

In their final match, Bournemouth School for Boys ran out 7-1 winners to clinch the group, but many of the games were extremely close and the Budmouth Boys were certainly not out of place in such company.

Indoor Bowls - news from Bridport and Moonfleet clubs

Skipper Hedges puts Bridport in play-offs

CAPTAIN Phil Hedges came to the rescue of his team mates to see Bridport A through to the play-offs of the Dorset over 60s league.

It looked an impossible dream as Barry Mapson, Mel Griffiths and Phil Hedges trailed 9-1 early on in their penultimate match home to Dorchester A, but in a dramatic finish Hedges drew three fantastic woods over the last two ends to ease a win by 17-15.

With Brian Baker, Huw Rees and Mike Fletcher destroying their opponents 29-7 it gave them the maximum six points and ensured them of second place in League A.

With Dolphin taking a maximum against Dorset Resorts to kill off their chances of a top two place, it is now down to the final game with the Poole side heading into it with a two point advantage over Bridport.

Whilst leaders Dolphin entertain second bottom Dorchester, Bridport travel to bottom side Bournemouth knowing that they cannot afford to slip up.

With the winners of section A playing the runner-up of section B and vice versa, and the final placings still undecided in League B, Bridport opponents will be decided once the final round of games have been completed.

Although Bridport B also picked up maximum points at home to Dorchester B and leapfrog their opponents into third in League B, they can't make the play-offs.

Tony Bartlett, Mike Craddock and Keith Jenkins thumped their opponents 32-16, whilst Peter Sandall, Brian Pratt and Paul Hallett finished with a one count to squeeze home 15-14.

Bridport A ladies were 28-32 down at home against second placed Bournemouth A in the County Division One with one end left.

But Margaret Pestelle, Liz Walker, Pamela Daters and Sue Walsh scored a three count, and Lyn Craddock, Laura Taylor, Nola Stephens and PatCole a two count on the final end to give Bridport the win and six of the available eight points.

Pat Cowmeadow, Penny Pither, Barbara Jenkins and Jenny Harding picked up two points for the B team in their County League Division Two game at Dolphin B, winning 19-14.

However, Erica Sarson, Beryl Stork, Anne Parkins and Jan Tattershall lost 14-27.

TIght games for Moonfleet

Moonfleet B 39 Dorchester C 38

MOONFLEET B entertained Dorchester C in a tense and exciting game in the Ladies County league.

Sue Paull, Sue Trott, Penny Dewey & skip Irene Abery were neck and neck at 7-7 after six ends against the Dorchester rink skippered by K Johns, but the visitors took control of the next four ends to move into a 16–

7 lead. It was then the turn of the Moonfleet quartet to dominate over the next six ends to close the gap and lie only two shots behind.

At 19–19 by the 13th end, the tension mounted as the hosts won one shot on the next only to concede one on the final end to finish with a 20–20 draw.

On the other rink Pam Hayward, Julie Watts, Jill Gwilliam & skip Judy Why looked in control over the first eight ends to open up a 12–4 lead against the Dorchester foursome led by skip C Jones.

The visitors then gradually began to add to their total and by end 16 the scores were level at 14–14.

The hosts won three of the next four ends to widen the gap again to 19–15 by the penultimate end.

Although it looked as though the match was going to the Moonfleet rink, the Dorchester foursome gave the hosts a fright by almost snatching it away.

An audible sigh of relief was heard as the three shots to Dorchester was not quite enough to stop the hosts claiming a 19–18 victory and an overall 39–38 total.

Moonfleet B 41 Dorset Resort 50

MOONFLEET B travelled through thick fog to Dorset Bowls Resort for a Ladies County League fixture.

Mary Collins, Liz Laidlaw, Julie Watts & skip Trixie Dempsey had an incredibly close tussle with the scores being tied four times throughout the first half and with both rinks on 11-11 by end 11.

It then looked as if the hosts were taking control as they blocked out the Moonfleet quartet and moved ahead 19–14 by end 15.

The visitors, claiming a massive six-shot haul on end 17 nosed ahead only to find the scores tied yet again at 2– 21 by end 18.

But Dorset Resort sealed the outcome by repeating a six-shot haul themselves on the penultimate end to finish with a 28–21 victory.

On the other rink Mary Dunne, Mary Corben, Ruby Spavins & skip Jill Gwilliam moved into a commanding lead against the Dorset Resort rink led by skip Liz Males.

At 11–3 by end eight, it looked as if the Moonfleet foursome were set to give the hosts a real challenge.

They kept up their tight control over the next seven ends to widen the gap to 18–8, but then the hosts went up several gears.

Winning five out of the remaining six ends, the Resort quartet added a massive 14 shots, leaving the Moonfleet rink having to settle for a 19–22 defeat.

Lyme Regis Skittles

CUP results from w/e February 4th.

Ladies George Nomination Cup: Hot Gossips 191 La Crème 198, Wootton Wobblers 188 Skittso's 131, Generations v Smashers (to be played on February 27th), Wild Pins v Rollercoasters - No result card.

Men's Division Two Curtis Nomination Cup: Roadrunners 170 President's Men 174, British Legion 195 Tornadoes 285.

Men's Division One George Nomination Cup: Young Guns 241 No Hopers 287, Rousdon Rebels 218 Trappers 255, Flyers 160 Wreckers 157, Clueless 224 Marksmen 223.

Upcoming cup fixtures

Monday, February 20th

Ladies Bob Sweetland Cup Semi Finals: Rollercoasters v Hot Gossips, Wootton Wobblers v Wild Pins.

Wednesday, Feb 22nd

Men's Cornish Cup: Trappers v Clueless, Wreckers v Marksmen, Shakers – bye.

Friday, February 24th

Men's Cornish Cup: Rousdon Rebels v British Legion, Young Guns v No Hopers, Flyers v Roadrunners, Tornadoes v Anthill Mob, President's Men v Alleytwits.

Men's Div One	Pd	Pts	BL
Marksmen	10	18	12
No Hopers	10	18	12
Flyers	11	16	4
Young Guns	9	8	10
Clueless	10	8	8
Trappers	10	8	8
Wreckers	10	8	8
Anthill Mob	11	6	16
Rousdon Rebels	11	2	14

Men's Div Two	Pd	Pts	BL
Roadrunners	8	13	10
President's Men	9	13	8
Miscellaneous	8	11	6
Alleytwits	8	8	10
Tornadoes	9	8	8
British Legion	9	4	6
Shakers	9	3	10

Ladies	Pd	Pts	BL
Skittso's	10	16	14
Wootton Wobb	10	14	17
Smashers	10	11	8
Rollercoasters	10	9	12
Hot Gossips	8	8	8
Wild Pins	8	8	7
Generations	9	4	4
La Crème	9	4	4

Seaton & District Snooker

Pike pots a 40

Results (Jan 31st); Sidmouth Cons 0+0 Honiton Wonderers 6+0, Honiton WMC 2+2 Colyton Feds 4+0, Chard Casuals 1+0 Colyton TC 5+0.

Breaks: Ben Pike 40.

Another fine away has seen reigning champions Honiton Wonderers extend their lead at the top of the table to a whopping 27 points.

Meanwhile, Colyton Feds lost two frames at Honiton Workies with only Stuart Orren winning two to continue his good form.

At Chard the Casuals suffered a hefty defeat at the hands of Colyton TC.

League table	Pld	Pts
Wonderers	11	61
Colyton TC	10	34
Colyton Feds	10	30
Chard Casuals	10	27
Colyton ExCons	10	26
Sidmouth Cons	10	21
Honiton WMC	10	17

Bruce Miller Cup	Pld	Pts
Wonderers	11	61
Chard Casuals	10	49
Sidmouth Cons	10	41
Colyton TC	10	40
Colyton Feds	10	38
Honiton WMC	10	29
Colyton ExCons	10	26

Bridport Darts

Division One	Pld	Pts
Rob's Robbers	12	23
Well Hung Clocks	12	17
BSC	12	17
Nomads	11	17
Five Sticky Fingers	11	12
Hands of Time	12	11
Noth'n But Treble	12	9
Nags Head A	12	5
Les Miserables	12	5
Rubber Johns	12	2

180s; Tony Young 7, Terry Prowse 6, Nigel Lamb 4, six players x3, nine players x2, 20 players x1.

Division Two	Pld	Pts
The Stingers	12	18
Odds or Us	12	18
Respect-de-Bull	12	18
Young Darters	12	18
One for the Vikings	12	15
Elders	12	13
Otter Rotters	12	5
No Direction	12	5
Dat Team	12	5
Anchor Five	12	5

180s; Ashley Parker 4, Stuart Alner & Andy Reid 3, Ashley Parker & Dan Rawlings both 2, 11 players x1.

Division Three	Pld	Pts
Mis Fits	12	22
Dart Vaders	12	17
Poachers	12	17
The Surgeons	12	16
Midnight Runners	12	12
Tiger Bees	12	10
Anchor Vale Viewers	12	9
Flashes Fives	12	8
Royal Hawks	12	6
Time Bombs	12	3

180s; Paul Gumbrill 2, Len Challis, Ash Hawker, Alistair Coutts, S.Bowditch, P.Rowley, Howard Sellick, Graham Gumbrill & Danny Sorrell all x1.

Division Four	Pld	Pts
Dodgers	12	18
Wicked Team Name	12	18
No Chance	12	17
-1-11	12	15
The Nameless	12	14
Whamo	12	12
Odds & Sods	12	10
Sorted Odds	12	8
Hopeful Bashers	12	7
The Royal Nuts	12	1

180s; Andy Page, Paul Bearpark, Paul Lewis, T.Bird, Micky Brock, Billy Hallett & Roly Steer all x1.

Ladies Div One	Pld	Pts
Anchor Aces	18	34
Arrows Awry	18	28
Queens Bees	18	28
Sue's Rebels	18	26
Clocking On	18	21
Odd One Out	18	21
Queenies of the Club	18	17
Castaways	18	16
Against the Odds	18	15
Charlie's Angels	18	12
Don's Damsels	18	12
Good Mates	18	8
Drunking Aware	17	7
Tiger Stripes	17	5

180s; Janet Collins, Sue Brock, Liz Vowells & Kate Loasby all x1.

West Dorset Hockey

Late defeat for depleted Hawks

Bridgwater A 3 West Dorset Hawks 2

THE Hawks, missing four key players, gave a solid performance in the circumstances, but were beaten by the better side at the weekend.

The hosts were looking to avenge their 3-1 defeat in the reverse fixture earlier in the season, and got off to a good start as the Hawks looked to settle with a team that saw A team captain and goalkeeper Alex Drew playing on the right wing, and veteran Lee Connolly back in the first team after two years following hip surgery.

A well-worked move after five minutes put Bridgwater in front, but Hawks equalised with a rather fortunate goal. Alex Davies broke forward before setting up Drew. The keeper saved his first effort but was completely duped by his follow up which he mishit, and

trickled over the line.

Bridgwater had more possession in what was a scrappy game, and it needed keeper Tom Lowe to keep them at bay with some superb saves, but they did find the net again before the break to lead 2-1.

The second half followed a similar patter, but once again Davies was the instigator of the equaliser, this time setting up Russell Coombs to coolly slot home.

The pressure started to build on West Dorset, but with Robin Goodfellow and Julian May in commanding form in the centre of defence, the hosts were finding it difficult to break them down.

Jim Bowditch was sent off close to the end as tensions rose but it looked like Hawks would hold out until a misplaced pass gave them the opportunity and their striker pounced to grab the winner.

Southern Two	Pld	Pts
Chard	15	37
Plymouth Uni A	15	37
Penzance	15	33
Camborne School of Mines	15	29
Bude	15	28
WEST DORSET	15	21
Bridgwater A	15	19
Caradon	15	17
PGSOB A	15	16
ECV Hornets	15	15
Taunton Vale C	15	7
Devonport Services	15	0

Hawks generosity punished

ECV Hornets B 4 West Dorset A 2

ON the face of it, losing to the bottom club who had recorded only one previous win all season was a disaster.

However, the Hawks put in a superb performance in the circumstances.

Skipper Alex Drew had agreed to reschedule this fixture for Sunday at the Hornets' request, when they were originally unable to raise a team.

However, it was the Hawks who struggled with numbers this time round and travelled with only eight players, three of whom, Rick Dormer, Lee Connelly and Alex Drew, had played for the first team at Bridgwater the previous day.

A glimmer of hope was met on arrival at the Hornets' nest, firstly when Rick Dormer volunteered his 12-year-old son Jack to play the burley striker role, and secondly with the hosts agreeing to field 10 men from the start.

The game was relatively even from the start, but the extra man inevitably tilted the balance in favour of the hosts.

The starting back four of Henry Middleton, Richard Wilson, Lee Connelly and Matt Caton put in a sterling performance against the progressive attack from the home team, but it was just a matter of time before goals started flowing for the Hornets.

Not much could be done top prevent the first goal conceded. A well-drilled ball into the D was delicately diverted past unsighted keeper Drew.

The second was a rifled into the bottom corner from a short corner routine that Drew probably should have kept out.

The second half started as the first finished, and it wasn't long before the host had a third; a well worked move down the Hawks' left side drew out all the visiting team, leaving one lonely Hornet unmarked at the far post to tap in a well placed cross.

But then, the tables started to turn. Connelly's constant encouragement drove the Hawks forward as they started to make a game of it. Finally, the efforts of the middle musketeers of Bob Dormer, Ollie Gargrave and Rick Dormer were rewarded with a well-taken goal by the latter.

The offence continued to battle away and brought the hosts' previously dormant keeper firmly back to life.

A nasty looking knuckle injury to Middleton which saw him replaced by a late arrival did nothing to quell their efforts, but the revival was dealt a blow when the hosts scored their fourth, mirror imaging their first.

As the game drew to a close, the Hawks had the last hurrah. And what a hurrah it was. The finer details of the goal didn't matter, but who scored it did: none other than the young Jack Dormer to the delight of his teammates.

An excellent goal it was too, to cap off a great performance from an undoubtable "one for the future".

The Hawks remain comfortably in mid table as they travel to Chard B this Saturday, hoping to get back to fielding a full team and picking up valuable points.

Skipper Drew said: "It was an excellent performance in the circumstances, and a superb debut from Jack Dormer."

Team: *Alex Drew (Capt), Henry Middleton, Lee Connelly, Richard Wilson, Matt Caton, Ollie Gargrave, Rick Dormer, Bobby Dormer, Jack Dormer.*

South East Two	Pld	Pts
Exeter University F	13	36
Tiverton	12	34
Chard A	13	27
Chard B	11	21
WEST DORSET A	11	14
East Devon C	12	12
Minehead B	13	12
Dart A	13	10
Taunton Vale D	13	10
ECV Hornets B	13	6

Bridport & West Dorset Golf Club

WITH PETER CROWTER

Golfers hampered by three-day wash out

THE wet and windy weather put a stop to most of the golf competitions that were due to take place last week.

The Bridport course is known to be free draining, but due to the wet conditions it was closed for three consecutive days and I don't recall that happening during the last 26 years of my membership!

The men fortunately did manage to hold their February Medal last Sunday and the 47 starters were no doubt relieved to get back on the course.

The lowest scores came from Division Two where Ian Thacker carded the best score of the day - a nett 66 - three clear of Mike Vincent's nett 69.

These were the only sub 70 nett scores of the day. Division One winner was George Brown with a nett 70, Russell Weller took the top spot in Division Three with a nett 71.

RESULTS

Division One; 1st George Brown 82-12=70, 2nd (acb) Pat Hart 83-12=71, 3rd Marc Harwood 82-11=71. Lowest gross Lewis Craddock 79.

Division Two; 1st Ian Thacker 82-16=66, 2nd Mike Vincent 82-13=69, 3rd Tony Burt 86-16=70.

Division Three; 1st Russell Weller 90-19=71, 2nd (acb) Terry Cleal 92-19=73, 4th Rob Smith 97-24=73.

Bridport youth Rugby

Bridport under 13s in form on the road

Sherborne U13 4 Bridport 12

BRIDPORT'S firepower in the first half proved too much for hosts Sherborne at the weekend *writes Noel Gregory.*

Keeping their shape in the backs and winning ball after ball in the loose, Oliver Hansford-Harvey, Tom Craven, Toby Pattemore and Inigo Boyle all scored inside the first 15 minutes.

Pattemore and Craven then crossed the line, with the loose ball being quickly played by Scrum half Joe Styrin.

A fine break by Sherborne was replied with individual tries by number eight George Found and full back Toby Gale, and a final drive over by Will Newton took the half time score to 9-1.

To even up the game, four Sherborne players swapped sides and the second half became a real contest.

Ernest Chaney and Inigo Boyle, both in Sherborne shirts scored tries, but Bridport responded with scores by Newton, Found, and Craven, to give a final score of 12-4.

Bridport will find it much harder away at Honiton next Sunday.

Mixed time for U11s

Bridport U11s played two sides in a bitterly cold Northeasterly wind which whipped across the Brewery ground, and, despite frozen fingers, played some creditable rugby, .

The first game against Poole was won three tries to one. Try scorers were captain Abi Alner, leading from the front as ever, Player of the Day Daniel James and Henry Everitt.

The second game was a bit of a walk in the park for Sherborne with Bridport conceding eight tries, a score which would have been more embarrassing but for an immense defensive effort from Charlie Brake and a notable last ditch tackle from Barney Johnson.

No doubt the cold played its part, but there needs to be a serious tightening up of the defence before the U11s undoubted skills can flourish.

Bridport Skittles

CUP fixtures for week beginning Monday, February 13th.

Portman Handicap Cup – Round three

Monday, February 13th

Alleycats (37) v Bangers, Brandy Snaps (5) v Wickers.

Tuesday, February 14th

Unknowns v Strawpeedoes (3).

Wednesday, Feb 15th

LHS (22) v Nelson Nobblers.

Thursday, February 16th

Yo Yo's (27) v Miss The Ball, Featherbeds (40) v Rockets Rough Eight v Castouts (28), Slingers v Whisky Chasers (24).

Cup Winners Cup SF

Thursday, February 16th

Ilchester - Broadoak (5) v Nelson Nobblers.

Friday, February 17th

Bradpole Club – Originals v Aussies Lot (10).

Note*: Would the winners of last season's league trophies please return them as soon as possible to the Lord Nelson.*

Division A	Pld	Pts
Shipfaced	12	23
Rockets	12	16
Denhay	12	14
Rejects	12	14
Nelson Nobblers	11	12
Wanderers	11	12
Masters	10	11
Broadoak	12	8
Rough Eight	12	8
Slingers	12	8
U Know the Blokes	11	8
Lively Lads	11	4

Division B	Pld	Pts
The Dingles	11	17
Miss the Ball	11	16
Outsiders	10	13
Survivors	11	12
Bangers	11	10
Countrymen	11	10
Lost in Time	10	10
Originals	10	10
Castouts	10	6
Dingbats	7	6
Aussies Lot	10	2

Division C	Pld	Pts
Gerryatrics	12	22
LHS	12	18
NBC	12	18
Pioneers	12	16
Wickers	12	16
Unknowns	12	12
Whiskey Chasers	11	10
Brandy Snaps	11	8
Stingers	12	7
Yo Yo's	12	7
Groundhogs	11	6

Division D	Pld	Pts
Alcoholics	12	24
Strawpeedoes	12	20
BFC	12	18
Alleycats	12	16
Featherbeds	11	14
Let em Roll	10	10
Firebirds	10	8
Hidden Talent	10	8
Offcuts	11	6
Pinbashers	10	6

Lyme Regis Pool

Table	Pld	Pts
Pot Nots	11	27
Wozo's Warriors	9	24
Smack the Rack	11	22
Hunters Hot Pots	10	19
Old Cobbies	11	13
Drunken Sailors	10	13
Nags Head Trotters	10	12
Real Talbot	11	6
Ranger & Friends	9	0

Lyme Regis darts

Current table	Pld	Pts
Nags Head A	10	20
Rousdon Club	10	20
Clockadoodledoo	12	16
Nags Z	12	15
Rock Point A	10	14
Royal Standard	12	12
Hunters Lodge	10	10
Four Play	10	8
Talbot Arms	10	8
Cobb Arms	9	4
Janners	10	4
Half an Octopus	11	3
See you Next Thurs	10	2

180s: R.Cross x5, T.Prowse x4, T.Bond x2, B.Grainger &T.Young both x2, 11 players x1.

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FIRST team manager and coach Ross Baker is much more optimistic about the future of Beaminster Cricket Club.

◆ **FUTURE LOOKS BRIGHT:** Beamisnter's Ross Baker

Last season they had to withdraw their second team from the Dorset League due to lack of players, and whilst the first team completed their fixtures some weeks it was difficult to field a side.

He said: "I am a lot more optimistic this season. Obviously last year was very worrying, but this year it appears to have settled down a lot more with a lot of the older players a lot more interested."

The club have already started the year with a senior side competing in the Crewkerne Indoor League and nets having started last week where there was a good turnout of senior and youth players.

The first team will once again be competing in County Division Three where among their opponents will be old rivals Dorchester 2nd and promoted Charlton Down. They start the season on May 6th with a trip to Poole 3rd.

Asked the situation with regards to players available for the senior side this season Baker said: "There will probably be a mix again of experienced senior players with a number of younger ones coming through the ranks.

"There are a number of our under 15 players who are no longer eligible to play youth cricket and hopefully will step up, and we hope to give them more responsibility rather than making up the numbers.

"But we also hope to get a few players back who have been around the club for quite a number of years who have not been so committed, to strengthen the team. There certainly appears more enthusiasm and we are hoping that a few of the fringe players will play; availability this year seems better than last.

"Whether they will play regularly we will have to see, but it will be great if we have a core who can and will fill the gaps if and when needed, and I feel more optimistic that they will do that."

The club have also entered a side in the new TT25 competition, the brainwave of Charlton Down's Tommy Tucker, a family oriented idea which allows a mixture of age groups from grandad to grandson, to wife and daughter, to play alongside each other in a 25-over match.

Played on Sundays or weekdays, it is flexible enough to hopefully stimulate fun and involving all the family.

Beaminster will be playing local teams including Martinstown, West Dorset, Puddletown and Uplyme & Lyme Regis so travelling is not excessive.

Baker said: "It's not results based, more a development league to introduce new players particularly younger ones into cricket, keeping other playing the game and bringing older ones back into the game."

Beaminster's highly successful youth policy will continue with U15, U13 and U11 teams.

They are also toying with the idea of introducing another younger group to include 5-8 year olds, and are looking for a sports leader outside of the club to run the group.

Baker said: "All our coaches within the club are fully committed with their coaching duties of the current age groups.

"We are looking for someone who is a cricket lover who would be willing to take on an eight-week course based on the ECB All Stars Cricket initiative, where 5-8 year-old girls and boys without any cricket experience are taught the fundamental skills of the game."

Anyone interested should contact Baker on 07813 897672 or anyone connected with the club.

With the Women's World Cup taking place in England this summer, Beaminster have entered a ladies/girls (14+) team in two eight-a-side festival matches in Dorset, and will be running an eight week training course in May/June.

Again any ladies interested should contact Ross on the number above or visit the club's website.

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